Family Chatter

Mazel Tov on the recent (or not so recent) births of babies among our members.


Harriet Schlein of Baltimore, on the births of two granddaughters, Sarah Naomi Baron, born May 21, 2010 and Miriam Baron, born February 6, 2013. Proud parents are Stacey and Evan Baron of Baltimore MD.

Herbie & Renee Siegel on the birth of twins to their son, Shmuel and his wife, Mirra. Netanya Menucha and Daniel Muttel Siegel were born in Baltimore on October 29, 2010.

Dimitry and Karen Rochlin Shuster of Baltimore on the birth of their daughter, Sophia Brooke Shuster, on March 3, 2011. Sophia’s big sister is Isabella Paige and proud grandparents are Margie and David Rochlin.

Rachel and Daniel Raneri of Jacksonville FL on the birth of their granddaughter, Ella Bailey Raneri, daughter of April and Michael Raneri.

Daniel and Sherry Billig and Janet and Jack Billig, on the birth of their grandson/great-grandson, Jackson Henry Billig, on May 1, 2011. Proud parents are Bryan Billig and Dr. Claire Bolander of Owings Mills, MD.

Lee and Devra Kiel Simon on the birth of their first grandchild, Lyle Ryan Meara, on August 31, 2011. Happy parents are Dr. Alexa Simon Meara and Dr. Michael Meara.

David and Deborah Michaelson Roffman on the birth of their first grandchild, Ann Gabriela Roffman on September 18, 2011. Happy parents are Joshua and Julie Roffman of Cambridge, MA.

Lenny and Ellen Samet, on the birth of twin granddaughters, Talia Rose Sack and Jordan Mia Sack, on October 12, 2011. Proud parents are Julie and Yasha Sack.


Sandy and Steve Snyder, and Myrna and Richard Rubin on the birth of their grandson/great-grandson, Gabriel Raymond Rubin. Proud parents are Lynne and Bruce Rubin; siblings are Isaac and Maya.

Paul Lichter, on the birth of his granddaughter, Charlotte Andrea Lichter, on January 17, 2012. Charlotte, daughter of Brian and Sara Lichter, is named in loving memory of her grandmother, Claire Lichter, and her great-uncle, Stanley Damareck.

Ranessa and Shmuel Labovitz of Baltimore on the June 21, 2012 birth of their granddaughter, Bat Sheva Stern, daughter of Chana Esther and Jonathan Stern of St Louis, Missouri.

Robbie and Helen Solomon and to Marvin and Harriette Solomon, all of Baltimore, on the birth of their grandson and great-grandson, respectively, Leo Anthony Solomon, son of Sam and Christy Solomon, on September 20, 2012. Leo’s happy big brother is Nicolas.
Mazel Tov to Max and Linda Flaxman, of Cranford NJ, on the engagement of their daughter, Sally Flaxman, to Atle Straume. Sally and her dog, Shane, moved from the east coast to Seattle, Washington, where both Sally and Atle work in the airline industry. Shane watches a lot of television.

Mazel Tov to Sandi and Rick Popowitz on the engagement of their son, Brian, to Alissa Klein. The wedding is being planned for June 29, 2013 in Portland, Oregon. Alissa teaches high school math and science in a Los Angeles charter school. She has a Masters of Education in Special Education and completed the Teach for America program. Brian is Director of Digital Media for Warner Music Group and represents many of Warner Music’s top artists. They live in West Hollywood, CA in a beautiful loft-style condo.

Richard and Pamela Peterson of Lutherville, MD are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Amy Elizabeth Peterson to David Lawrence Levitt on June 9, 2012 in Baltimore. Amy graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park, with a degree in elementary education and is a second grade teacher in Baltimore County. David graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park, with a degree in physiology and neurobiology and in May, 2012, from the University of Maryland School of Medicine. The couple live in the Greenspring area of Baltimore. Amy is the granddaughter of Joyce and Thomas Stern.

Jason Hurwitz (Madison, WI) and his parents, Debbie and Marvin Hurwitz (Williamsport, PA) are very happy to announce Jason's marriage to Victoria Schwartz, whom many of you may have met at our most recent reunion. Jason earned a dual MBA/MA in Arts Administration at the University of Cincinnati and has accepted a position in Madison WI as a programming and community engagement coordinator at the Overture Center for the Arts. Victoria is a practicing, board-certified specialist in Women's Health with a Bachelors Degree in Health Science and a doctorate degree in physical therapy, both from the University of Miami in Coral Gables. She also has a license in massage therapy. Jason and Victoria bought a house in Madison and are growing accustomed to the extreme weather of the Midwest. The wedding took place August 5, 2012, in Harrisburg, PA. with many BAYL cousins in attendance and they honeymooned in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Jason is the grandson of the late Ruth "Tootsie" Yatt Hurwitz and Leonard Hurwitz, and the great-grandson of the late Sol and Edith Shapiro Yatt.

Mazel Tov to John Francis, husband of Emily Shapiro and son-in-law of Philip Shapiro, who was promoted from Lieutenant Colonel to full Colonel in the United States Army in August, 2012. John is currently stationed at the Pentagon.

News from Marc and Diana Grosman, of Reisterstown MD:
Our daughter, Erin, and Bryan Friedman were married in June, 2012 in a lovely ceremony in Taneytown MD. (See the article about the wedding elsewhere in this issue.) In between working and house hunting, they are enjoying skiing whenever possible. Our daughter Lisa works with Jewish Community Services, an agency of The Associated in Baltimore. She is also pursuing her Masters of Human Resources in a program at Towson University. Lisa’s husband, Seth is a stock analyst with Stifel Nicolaus in Baltimore. He earned his MBA from Loyola University in December 2010. Diana still loves to compete in Scrabble and plays in as many tournaments as she can. Marc works as a pharmacist in the St. Thomas Giant store in Owings Mills MD.

News from Debbie and David Roffman, of Baltimore:
Adam Roffman, who is in Rabbinical school at the Jewish Theological Seminary in NYC, was married on June 24, 2012 at Chizuk Amuno Congregation to Shira Wallach, the light of his life and a fellow student at JTS. Their romance began last year when both were studying in Israel at the Schechter Rabbinical School, and while Adam was taking additional classes at the Conservative Yeshiva and Hartman Institute. Adam’s brother, Josh and his wife Julie live in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where they are both physicians and researchers at
the Massachusetts General Hospital, Josh in the fields of schizophrenia, genetics, and brain imaging, and Julie in Infectious Diseases, with an emphasis on AIDS research in South Africa. They are the very proud parents of Ann Gabriela Roffman, born on September 18, 2011. Adam and Josh’s father, David Roffman, is a professor at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, specializing in cardiovascular therapeutics. He received the coveted "Teacher of the Year Award" for the entire UMB campus (law, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, nursing, social work), which was presented as part of the UMB Founder's Week Gala in November, 2010. Wife, mother, and grandmother, Debbie Michelson Roffman (daughter of Goldie and Louis Michelson z’l), when she was not busy beaming with pride over her wonderful and growing family, wrote her third book for parents on talking with children and adolescents about sexuality. Entitled Talk to Me First: Everything You Need to Know to Become Your Kids’ Go To Person about Sex, the book was released in 2012 by Perseus Books.

Joyce and Tom Stern, of Baltimore, are enjoying their travels. In February, 2011 they spent a week at the beach in the Dominican Republic and in May they visited Prague, Czech Republic, Warsaw and Krakow in Poland, Budapest, Hungary and Vienna, Austria.

News from Caryn Solomon, of Baltimore:
OK family...here I am, cousin Caryn Solomon updating you on what's going on in my world. This year has been a busy one. I'm bowling 10-pin for the second year in an M.S. league at Perry Hall Lanes. Last year I earned 2 trophies...One for most improved bowler and the other for most pins above average in the most games bowled. Such fun and everyone is wonderful. M.S. Bowlers and volunteers alike!! On Tuesdays I go to the M.S. Day Program at Kernan Hospital. I work out, have lunch, visit with the group and then we always play some kind of mind game. Always challenging but great for the brain!

In March, 2011 I started with Hippotherapy...I ride a horse once a week. It works on my core muscles, posture and balance. My horse's name is Sierra and she's beautiful. It's truly amazing what these horses are trained to do.

In May I worked at a tournament for the "Ray Lewis Foundation" @Perry Hall lanes and then met Ray Lewis!! So very exciting!! He signed my Superbowl sweatshirt when he was MVP...very cool!! Took some pictures with him too!! Great time!!

In June I went with my family to California for my cousin's Avram's wedding. It was held in a Japanese Garden and was really beautiful. Lots of relatives had come from out-of-town, they had all kinds of things planned for the out-of-town guests. Great time had by all!! Mom and I even took a day and went to Disneyland!! Fun-fun-fun!!

Of course we had the 110th Anniversary Party for BAYL!! So very much enjoyed myself...a pleasure to be there and wonderful to see cousins I haven't seen in too long!!

Then to finish off the year ...I turned 50. Cousin Sharon Solomon Pattison who turned 55 and I celebrate the same birth date and for the 1st time ever we celebrated our birthdays together. Sharon and Pat hosted the party. They rented out "The Wine Harvest" in Gaithersburg. All the family was invited and a few close friends. What an incredible night it was and a great time had by all!! It was truly a special evening and such a treat celebrating with Sharon, my family and relatives, and one that I will hold close in my heart FOREVER!!!! Many, many thanks to Sharon and Pat for that!!

Robin Levin writes from San Francisco: I have recently published my historical novel The Death of Carthage. It got a fine review from Russell Roberts at the US Review of Books. Is there a Jewish angle? Well, the events take place around the time of the Maccabees during which there was little direct contact between ancient Judea and ancient Rome, but I couldn't resist putting in the following passage:

Polybius continued "Demetrius was brought to Rome as a hostage. We would like to have him go back to his kingdom and take his rightful place as its ruler. His uncle Antiochus Epiphanes is entirely unsuitable as ruler. His behavior is so erratic and bizarre that the Greeks have renamed him Antiochus Epimanes (Antiochus the
insane). The Judeans have some of their own names for him, but those are better left untranslated in polite company."

What is clear, however, is that the success of the Romans against the Carthaginians in the Punic wars was what enabled Rome to become the dominant power of the age and ultimately lead to the destruction of the state of Judea and the Diaspora of the Jewish people. Anyone with an interest in how this came about would enjoy reading my book. *Note: Robin was born in Baltimore and now lives in San Francisco where she makes her living as a clinical lab technician specializing in heart disease related testing. Levin inherited her interest in ancient Rome from her mother, earned a B.A. in Anthropology from the University of California and writes for the joy of it.*

News from **Barry and Sandy Yatt**, of Alexandria, VA: Ben graduated with an International Baccalaureate diploma from Washington and Lee High School and attends Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, NY. He auditioned for and was accepted as a member of the college’s highly regarded a capella group The Skidmore Dynamics (for samples from their concerts, see www.youtube.com/theSkidmoreDynamics). He is now an RA (Residence Assistant), treasurer of the a capella group, and vice-president and Havdalah coordinator for Hillel. Sandy continues as a commercial real estate broker and is now with UGL Services in DC. Barry is still at Catholic University but has shifted roles to be associate dean for research. In October, 2011 as new empty nesters, Sandy and Barry traveled to the south of France to celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary, and both enjoyed attending the BAYL reunion banquet. In the summer of 2011, Barry’s, Mark’s, and Minda’s families had a great time vacationing together in Asheville, NC. In addition, they all gathered, joined by brother Jerry as well as Sandy’s brother Larry and her mother and our housemate Lina, to celebrate Thanksgiving at Barry and Sandy’s home.

Liana Shapiro, daughter of **Robin Levin**, of San Francisco, recently passed her real estate licensing exam and is now working for Redfin, a real estate company.

Shannon Stern, daughter of **Fran and David Stern**, of Owings Mills, MD, and granddaughter of **Phyllis Solomon** (and the late Garry Solomon) and **Joyce and Tom Stern**, is now attending UCLA (University of California at Los Angeles).

Jeff Gordon, son of **Steve and Becky Gordon**, and the late Hinda Shapiro Gordon, grandson of **Mildred and Bill Bashevkin**, moved to New York City to attend Columbia University and work towards a Masters Degree in Psychology. He traveled last summer to London, England, where he visited his cousin, **Abby Shapiro**, daughter of **Phil Shapiro**, who has been living there for a couple of years.

Two BAYL cousins graduated from the Carver Tech High School in Baltimore in June, 2012. Zoe Ganslaw, daughter of **Lauren Hurwitz Ganslaw** and the late Larry Ganslaw, granddaughter of **Sue and Merv Hurwitz**, had a concentration in art. She participated in a showing of her work held at the school on May 15, 2012 and a number of BAYL cousins were in attendance to cheer her on in her artistic endeavors. Zoe is now a student at the Tyler School of Art at Temple University in Philadelphia. **Erica Laskin**, daughter of **Fran Ludman** and **Sheldon Laskin**, (pictured at right) graduated with a concentration in music. She has performed in numerous concerts throughout her high school career and now attends Rider University in Lawrenceville, New Jersey.
Adina Golob, daughter of Miriam and Irwin Golob, and granddaughter of Sam Lichter and the late Barbara Moss Leibowitz Lichter, all of Baltimore, graduated from the Shoshana S. Cardin School in June, 2012 and now attends the University of Hartford.

Matt Peterson, son of Pamm and Richard Peterson, grandson of Joyce and Tom Stern, of Baltimore, graduated from Pikesville Senior High School and attends Towson University.

Mazel Tov to Steve Gordon, husband of Becky, son-in-law of Mildred Shapiro and Bill Bashevkin, on the publication of his book, In The Name of God and on the upcoming publication of his second book, Confluence. Part of a mystery thriller series set in Baltimore and Israel, the books are published by a division of Loyola University in Baltimore.

Leah Shapiro, daughter of David and Sarah Shapiro, granddaughter of Mildred Shapiro and Bill Bashevkin, graduated from The Park School in Baltimore and is now a student at Connecticut College in New London CT.

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**Wedding of Erin Grosman and Bryan Friedman** by Diana Grosman

The wedding of Erin Grosman and Bryan Friedman took place on June 18, 2011 in the beautiful gardens of Antrim 1844 in Taneytown, Maryland. Although the weather had seemed threatening, the night turned out to be beautiful, so the tent we had erected, just in case, was happily not needed. Many guests stayed at the bed and breakfast onsite for the weekend; others stayed at a nearby Best Western. We are grateful that so many of our friends and relatives could join us.

The bridesmaids wore black dresses and the groom and groomsmen were in grey suits. Moms and Dads wore black as well. The gorgeous flowers were in shades of white, cream, yellow, green and grey. Lisa Cohn, Erin’s sister, was matron of honor, and Amy Friedman, sister of Bryan, served as one of the bridesmaids.

Erin and Bryan wanted an organic and vintage feel to the wedding and put their personal stamp on the details. The bride wore a stunning “mermaid” type gown and a birdcage veil. Erin, a graphic design artist, designed all of the printed materials herself, which included the invitations, rehearsal dinner invitations, guest bag booklets, wedding programs, dinner menus and various signs around the reception. She also designed and painted the ketubah. Family photos were displayed on a mantel in the reception room. Lace from my wedding dress was used in the canopy of the chuppah and was also entwined around Erin’s flowers. Marc, Erin’s Dad, created the table numbers using numbers which were glued to small branches and then attached to various sized rocks and stones. When they were combined with the florist’s lovely wildflower-type arrangements in antique containers, the look of the room was light, fresh and elegant.

Erin and Bryan were married by Cantor Melvin Luterman, who had also officiated at the wedding of Bryan’s parents, Harriet and Mike Friedman. In his very moving ceremony, the cantor mentioned these family connections and the many other creative elements that the bride and groom incorporated into their wedding.

As a unique touch, Erin and Bryan had a bluegrass band playing music for their ceremony as well as for the indoor/outdoor cocktail hour. After that hour, the reception moved to the large party hall on Antrim’s grounds, and guests enjoyed a scrumptious dinner and danced to the music of Black Tie. As parents of the bride, we were treated to the “crowning dance,” as we were celebrating the marriage our last child. After the wedding ended, friends continued to party with the bride and groom in some of the luxurious accommodations at Antrim.

The next morning, all hotel guests were invited to breakfast as we gathered to wish Erin and Bryan a fond farewell. They honeymooned in Greece on a delightful, romantic and adventurous trip, planned completely by Bryan.

Bryan and Erin currently reside in Bethesda Maryland.
Three of our young BAYL cousins attend the BEIT RJ (Baltimore Education Initiative for Teens of Reform Judaism) The graduation involved teens from Har Sinai, Temple Emanuel, Baltimore Hebrew, and Oheb Shalom and took place at Temple Emanuel on May 20, 2012. Shown L-R are Rebecca Yatovitz, daughter of Barry and Lisa Yatovitz, Matt Peterson, son of Pamm and Richard Peterson, and Erica Laskin, daughter of Fran Ludman and Sheldon Laskin. Mazel Tov to all!

Stacey Popowitz, daughter of Sandi and Rick Popowitz, of N. Potomac, MD graduated from Elon University in Burlington, NC, in May, 2011.

Adam Walters, son of Michelle and Don Walters, of Owings Mills, Maryland, graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park in May, 2012. Adam has a Business degree in Supply Chain Management and works in Washington DC. Adam’s older brother, Corey, is a chef in a restaurant in Massachusetts. Adam and Corey are the grandsons of Phyllis Solomon and the late Garry Solomon.

Jeremy Hurwitz, of Mountain View, California, graduated from CalTech with a Masters Degree in Computer Science and is now working for Google. Jeremy is the son of Marvin and Debbie Hurwitz of Williamsport, PA.

Robyn Levine wrote to tell us that the Levine-Benjamin household in Marietta, Georgia, is very busy! Max, 14, celebrated his Bar Mitzvah on January 14, 2012. He plays basketball on the high school feeder team. Mollie is a Junior at the University of Georgia and is looking for a media internship this summer. Her goal is to go to law school. Aaron, 23, proposed to Marianna Marcuse the day before Thanksgiving, and the wedding took place on September 1, 2012 in Atlanta. We welcome Marianna into our family with open arms and a loving heart. She and Aaron truly bring out the best in each other. Aaron works for AT&T as a graphic designer, and Marianna works there, too, while attending Georgia State. Robyn (Mom) continues teaching special education kindergarten in the Fulton County Public Schools, 33 years and still at it. She also plays E-flat clarinet in the Atlanta Concert Band. She and her guy, Neil Schlossberg, went to New Orleans for the Superbowl and had a fantastic trip.

Mazel Tov to Janine and Rabbi Reuven Chapman on the marriage of their son, Dov Ber Chapman.
Our cousin Jacob Barr has, thankfully, safely returned from Afghanistan and is currently a Specialist in the US Army assigned to Golf Company 4th Battalion of the 42nd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Ft Carson, Colorado. His official job title is Heavy Vehicle Operator, driving trucks big enough to make semi-trucks look small!

Jacob reports:

As a family we haven't been overly busy and we are still in Colorado. As an individual I've been busy both professionally and educationally. I'm working on being able to remain in the military and beating the troop drawdown. That's the professional side. On the educational side, I completed my Associates Degree in February and I've already begun my BS in psychology. I'm carrying a 3.87 GPA. I'm not sure what is going to be happening in the next year or so; if they allow me to remain in the military then I'll probably be headed to Kuwait for about 9 months next year. If I have to discharge, then we are going to Florida and I'll try and join the National Guard there so I at least keep my military connection. The kids are doing great, Aiden has graduated from preschool and entered kindergarten in August. Emily is in the third grade and was the top reader in her class statistically at the end of the year. As well, she made straight A's for the last quarter of the school year. Emily is 9 going on 17 and Aiden is your typical redheaded 5 year old.

Jacob also added some wonderful thoughts of his deep gratitude, respect and love for his wife Kristina who has been his strength and support during his 5 deployments. For much of their 10 years of marriage she has been not only a military spouse, but a "single mom" to the children while he served our country. They hope that as life settles down and the children grow, she will be able to pursue her dream for a career in the field of Marine Biology.

Mazel Tov to Jim and Minda Yatt Hampel on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Jenna, on April 28, 2012. Jenna is the granddaughter of the late Henny and Bonnie Yatt, and the sister of Trent and Reed Hampel. The family lives in Davie, Florida. Pictured at left are (L-R) Trent, Minda, Jenna, Jim and Reed.

The Hurwitz and Ganslaw families enjoyed a cruise to the western Caribbean in June in celebration of Ryan Ganslaw’s Bar Mitzvah on March 19, 2012. Mazel Tov to Ryan, who did a superb job on the bi-mah and to his entire family. Ryan is the son of Lauren Ganslaw and the late Larry Ganslaw, and grandson of Suzanne and Merv Hurwitz. His proud siblings, each of whom had a role in the service at Beth Israel Congregation in Owings Mills, MD, are Jessica, Zoe and Jason Ganslaw.

Erica Laskin, daughter of Fran Ludman and Sheldon Laskin, performed a solo during the HaZamir 18th anniversary gala concert at Jazz at Lincoln Center on March 27, 2012 in New York City. Erica and three other teens had featured roles during the sold-out concert during one of the first choral performances of Debbie Friedman’s Shalom Aleichem, written shortly before Ms. Friedman’s untimely death earlier this year. HaZamir is an international chorus of Jewish high school students, with chapters throughout the United States and Israel. The Baltimore Chapter of HaZamir also performed at the Gordon Center on June 5, 2012.
Stephanie Solomon, daughter of Leslye and Stuart Solomon, of Baltimore, graduated from Towson University in May, 2012 and is busy preparing for entrance exams for optometry school. Her proud grandparents are Sylvia and Leonard Solomon.

A note from Beryl Yatovitz, of Mountain View, CA:

Dear Cousins,

Since the contribution from Annette and my daughter Rachel in the last Bulletin we've had good news and bad news in our family. Rachel's family continues to grow. Her son Michael and his wife April have expanded our clan with a daughter, Ella Bailey Raneri, born in March, 2011. Annette and I met Ella when she was five weeks old. Obviously she is the most beautiful baby ever - she is our very first great-grand-daughter. Rachel and Dan's daughter Sara and her husband just bought their first home in Winter Garden, FL.

Joshua, Rachel and Dan's middle child, also lives in the Orlando area. Our middle child, Seth Adam, died very suddenly this past April while Annette and I were in Orlando to see our new Ella and our grandchildren. Seth and his wife Christine were married about five years. Chris, Rachel, and Hershel decided to have a memorial picnic on Seth's birthday in July. They held the picnic in a local park where they used to gather with their classmates and friends when they were in high school. David and Jan Hurwitz and Jeff Yatovitz and Jane Brody also attended. After this Annette and I spent a few days in Hawaii visiting long-time friends and Bob and Shirley Kamins. Both Bob and Shirley are 93 years old. Bob's grandfather Michael Silverman and my grandfather Henech Yatovitz were brothers.

Hershel, our youngest, is still making music and seeing the world. This past year the group he is playing with, Chris Issak and the Silvertones, spent two plus months playing in most of the European capital cities, about three weeks touring Australia, and the rest of the summer touring in the US and Canada. Every once in a while he does get to spend a couple days at his home in Portland, OR.

The Lear family of Needham, Massachusetts, had a glorious trip to Helsinki, Finland in August, 2011, where they attended the Bar Mitzvah of Joel Lear, son of Howard and Bina Lear, grandson of the late Tanya and Elmer Lear. Lewis, wife Mayumi, and children, Anna and Jesse, also visited Stockholm and Tallinn, Estonia on the trip.

Arthur and Leslye Romm, of Owings Mills, MD, enjoyed a cruise to western Mexico recently. Their grandson, Kyle Romm, son of Vicki and Jeff Romm, made the Varsity soccer team at Wilkes College in Pennsylvania and grandson, Tyler Stern made the JV Football team at Franklin High School.

Dorothy Rubin wrote from Plantation, Florida. She is a volunteer English tutor to Hispanic children, sits on the New Member Committee of the Plantation Chamber of Commerce, and the League of Women Voters Privatization (water) Issue Committee. She also works 2 days/week in the Book/Gift shop of the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center and acts as Secretary for her Condo Association.

Marvin and Debbie Hurwitz wrote from Williamsport, PA.

Our son Jason Hurwitz graduated in May 2012 with a Masters in Business Administration and a Masters in Arts Administration. He has accepted a position at the Overture Center in Madison Wisconsin. He and Victoria got married on August 5, 2012 in Harrisburg PA.

My brother Dan Hurwitz has been riding his bicycle in the PMC cancer fundraiser for many years. He was unable to do so this year because it was the same weekend as Jason and Victoria’s wedding. Since he could not persuade them to change their wedding date, he is planning on riding his bike from Bedford Massachusetts to Harrisburg PA for the wedding. I think that he is calling this a virtual PMC ride and will be using this as his fundraiser for the PMC.

Our son Jeremy Hurwitz graduated in December, 2011 from Cal Tech with his Masters in Theoretical Computing and is now working at Google. I still have absolutely no idea what theoretical computing entails. I
do know however, what working at Google entails!!

In keeping with our parents’ teachings, the Hurwitz family was well represented at cousin Jenna Hampel’s Bat Mitzvah in Florida in April. Attending were Marvin, Debbie, David, Danny, Jenifer and Addie.

Richard and Lynn Silverman Dopkin, of Baltimore, are enjoying life. They celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary, and Lynn’s special birthday, with a surprise party in December, 2011 given by their children and grandchildren at a restaurant in Little Italy. Richard, who is in his 47th year of coaching youth baseball, enjoyed out of town tournaments in Redding PA and Myrtle Beach SC. He’s quite proud of his team’s winning record. He looks forward to tournaments this summer in Lancaster, and Redding, PA, and Rehoboth Beach, DE.

Lynn enjoys her work for cousin David Shapiro, where she is employed in his law office and also keeps track of his other enterprises, Shapiro’s Café, a great restaurant in the Mt. Vernon area and a new food truck venture called Charm City Gourmet, which patrons of the newly relocated Everyman Theatre enjoy at evening performances. Lynn continues to be active in the Baltimore Chapter of Hadassah in her longstanding position as Editor of its newsletter, Hadassah Horizons.

Lynn and Richard enjoy frequent visits with their daughters, Julie, Lauren and Wendy, who live in NJ and NYC. Most fun of all is the family’s annual beach week in Stone Harbor NJ in August, when Julie’s husband, Brett and the grandchildren (Sophia and Maya) join the fun. Pictured (L-R) are Lauren, Julie, Wendy, Maya (2-1/2) and Sophia (6).

Tzipi Perlmutter Broza, of Sde Nitzan, Israel visited New York, New Jersey and Baltimore in the summer of 2012, accompanied by a friend. She left husband Yoram home with the kids for 2 weeks of child-free travel. Yoram had his child-free vacation in England a few months ago when he traveled from Israel to see a few soccer games. Grandparents Maxene and Frank Perlmutter are only too happy to provide childcare and chauffeuring while Tzipi and Yoram are away. Meanwhile, Tzipi and her friend, Anat enjoyed visiting with relatives and seeing various sites including Amish country in Pennsylvania and Maryland’s Eastern Shore.

Sylvia and Irv Swartz wrote from Charlotte NC and told us that in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary they enjoyed a 15 day river cruise to Prague, Budapest, Germany and Amsterdam. Mazel Tov to their granddaughter, Ellen Hope Kay, on her June, 2012 graduation from high school in Seattle, Washington. She attends the University of Arizona in Tucson.

Jo Grody, granddaughter of Suzanne and Len Rottman and daughter of Julia and Jeremy Grody, celebrated her Lithuanian heritage in her Hesby Oaks School first grade diversity study program. Jo traced her family tree from the 105th Anniversary Edition Bulletin. The study program culminated in a parade outside of the school and then everyone enjoyed a meal provided by the parents, featuring food of their culture. In the parade Jo carried a Lithuanian flag she had made, and her mother made Strawberries Romanoff to celebrate her other grandmother’s Russian heritage. Pictured at right are Jo with her grandfather, Len.

Maxene Silverman Perlmutter wrote from Israel:
We are all well and moving forward with our lives. Frank has been teaching English for Berlitz from home through the internet. He finds it quite interesting as the students are from different countries in Europe. He still has a hand in farming and also continues to volunteer as a civil guard several time a month. I have changed jobs after 12 years and found another job in the same field, as a paralegal in a small patent attorney firm in Beersheva, working only four days a week. I continue playing scrabble, seeing plays, concerts and movies and I belong to two book clubs.
Our youngest son Zev and wife Maya are enjoying parenthood. Their son Mikel is now 2 and very delightful (see photo). They are living in Rehovot, about an hour and a half's drive from us. Second son Bentze and his wife Elaine are still happy in Melbourne, Australia where each of them has recently changed jobs. Oldest son Rami has retired from the hotel business and is now studying computers with the hope of turning his hobby into a paying job. Meanwhile he does guard duty on the moshav every night and lives in an apartment across the street from us. Our daughter Tzipi and her husband Yoram live around the corner and are here for dinner almost every Friday night. Their four children keep them very busy in addition to their full-time jobs (he is an attorney and she is a teacher at our local elementary school.) Hadas (13) became a Bat Mitzvah in April, 2011, reading her Torah portion in a lovely Masorti ceremony held at the Southern end of the Western Wall in Jerusalem. The service was attended by a small number of close relatives and friends. The next day a catered luncheon took place outdoors at their home with many more guests. Hadas just completed 7th grade in the science course at our local junior high school. In her spare time, she does ballet and hiking. Ela (11) plays the flute. She has private lessons and also participates in a band. Their brother Amit (8) does kapuera, which is similar to karate, but more elegant! Nati (3-1/2) runs the household.

We had a lovely holiday last summer, a week in Slovakia (see attached family photo) with Tzipi, Bentze and Zev and their families. For the second week, Bentze and Elaine arranged a guided tour for the four of us to Ukraine (Lvov and surrounding area), searching the roots of the Perlmutter family and seeing many Jewish sites in the vicinity.

In addition, we won a trip to Barcelona from the National Lottery. The trip included flights, hotels, breakfasts and guided tours for 5 days in August. We read up on the history of Barcelona and had a great experience!

In October Frank and I spent two weeks in London, visiting friends, pubs and other notable sites, in celebration of his 70th birthday in November, 2012. Bentze and Elaine joined us for a week to help celebrate.

News from Diana and Marc Grosman, Reisterstown, MD: Diana and Marc attended a wedding in Sharon, MA. in August and took the opportunity to visit cousins Libby and Mel Ellin, Ruthie Ginsburg and Florence Wineberg and Howard Wineberg (later in Western Mass.) as well as other friends and relatives.

Lisa and Seth Cohn traveled with Seth's family to Alaska in June. Lisa also spent a week in Panama completing a course on International Human Resources as part of her Masters degree program.

Erin and Bryan Friedman visited California wine country and San Francisco with the Friedmans this summer. In July they moved into their new home in Bethesda MD. See the article about their June 2011 wedding elsewhere in this issue.

Steve and Sandy Snyder, of Baltimore, wrote of their travels last year: On October 16, 2011 we embarked on a wonderful adventure. We spent five days in London seeing all the amazing historical and beautiful points of interest. Our favorite stop was Windsor Castle. It was
both majestic and overwhelming in its enormity. A close second was the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace. From there we took a high speed train to Paris where we enjoyed 5 magical days. The Louvre was unbelievable as were the Arc de Triomphe and the Eiffel Tower. But the best part was “people watching” while sitting in a little cafe. We flew to Barcelona and met up with friends to experience the fun and architecture of that beautiful city. We spent three interesting days there and then went to the port to board The Liberty of the Seas to begin the next leg of our trip. The first week on board was intensive touring. Our first stop was Cartagena, Spain; then Granada, and then lovely Sevilla. Along the way we toured Alhambra and many other points of interest. Next stop was the Canary Islands where we visited two islands, Tenerife and La Palma. With each stop the weather got warmer and warmer; not too shabby for mid-November!!!

Finally, we enjoyed a seven day voyage across the Atlantic. If we had done nothing else, it would still have been awesome!!! However, this, combined with the rest of the journey, truly created a trip of a lifetime.

Darrold K. Smith, of Austin, TX, submitted news of his family;

I attended my 40th reunion at Rice University in Houston. While there I visited my brother Larry and his wife Sheryl, my nephew Greg and his wife Julie, and my 2 great-nieces, Dori (7) and Cady (2). Dori grabbed my camera, set it on video, handed it to Sheryl, and performed for us. Back in Austin, I attended an awards luncheon for 20 years of service at Austin Community College, where I teach and tutor math. When I first started there I was a sign language interpreter. ACC now has 50,000 students. My brother Randy from L.A. just received his Masters degree in Clinical Psychology. Our parents were Dolly & Sol Smith of Austin, TX and our grandparents were Betty and Hyman Smith of Tyler, TX.

Solomon Barr, of North Bethesda, MD, sent a newsy letter to your Bulletin Editor, reprinted here, with the accompanying photo of his 6 handsome grandsons.

Although we were members of BAYL through our father, Barney Barr, our mother’s family, the Brickmans, came from a village only a few miles away. In fact some of the old people from each side knew each other. My brother, Arnold, sister Toby, and I grew up in Washington, where our father worked for the Government Printing Office. I attended the DC public schools, George Washington undergraduate school, making Phi Beta Kappa, and then medical school at GW. After army service and residency training I entered private practice in the Maryland suburbs of Washington specializing in allergy. I also was on the part time teaching staff of GW, attaining the rank of clinical professor.

My wife to be, Rita Cohan, lived only a few blocks away. In June, 1954, I graduated medical school, she graduated college, and we married. We have four children. Our oldest, Linda, is a doctor, specializing in Pulmonary and Intensive Care medicine in Towson, outside Baltimore. She is also on the part time teaching staff of Johns Hopkins. She and her husband, Joe Adams, also a physician, have two children; Zachary and Jackson. Our next oldest, Steven, is a cantor at a synagogue in Fair Lawn New Jersey. Our daughter, Carol (Tsela) is a graphic designer living in Madison Wisconsin. She is married to Ed Oltman, a PhD physicist. They have two children; Jasper and Izak. Our youngest, Sharon, is an attorney in Anchorage, Alaska, married to Ed Bernitz, also an attorney. They are both public defenders for the state.

Our six grandchildren are all boys, all A students, and involved in multiple activities such as sports, music, class officer or various clubs. Cousins in the Baltimore area may see Jackson Adams on television as captain of the Towson High School “That’s Academic” team.

I retired from my medical practice eight years ago. Rita and I do a lot of traveling, partly to see our scattered family, but also to Europe, Israel, and other places. We play duplicate bridge. Rita has been a volunteer docent at the Smithsonian Museum of American History for 36 years, where she is now secretary of the docent council. I am a volunteer docent at the National Museum of Medical History. Recently it moved from the old
Walter Reed Hospital campus to a new facility in Silver Spring, Maryland. If any cousins, their children or grandchildren want to visit this museum, I could arrange a private tour where you can see the bullet that killed Abraham Lincoln, and get to hold real body parts. Contact me at rsbarr@verizon.net, noting BAYL so I will open your email.

Faye Friedman Messner, of Cedarhurst New York, reports that she came through Super Storm Sandy as well as the East Coast mega snowstorm without lasting damage. She is especially thankful that she escaped the water damage that was very widespread in her area. Being without power for an extended period gave her the opportunity to stay in Manhattan for an extended visit with her son Robert and grandson Daniel. She says that Robert is a busy and hard working attorney and the assistant Commissioner for the New York Police Department Legal Civil Enforcement Unit. Daniel is in his last year at the Bronx High School, on the debate team and looking at colleges.

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The following article is reprinted in its entirety from The Jewish Times issue of 07/27/12:

The younger Michele Walters was a vivacious 19 year-old in 1972, the year of the Munich Olympics. Finished with high school, she was backpacking through Europe.

“I was with some kids and we were looking for work. We saw this construction site and we went over to inquire about work. It turned out to be the Olympic Village,” recalls Walters.

What Walters did not know was what would transpire that year at the Olympics.

She and her comrades signed on to work with the Olympic food service. They served the athletes breakfast and dinner, residing with them in the village and attending various prestigious Olympic events. Her building was on a diagonal from where the Munich massacre took place.

Walters didn’t hear the events as they transpired, but she recalls being woken early the next morning and told what had happened—that terrorists had breached the Olympic Village’s fence and kidnapped the Israeli Olympic team. There were German tanks and officers all around the village.

“At first we were told that they were kidnapped but that they were going to be freed. Then we heard what really happened, that they were dead,” recalls Walters. “I remember just sort of being there in a daze. I was not planning on going to Israel, but this experience changed my mind.”

Shortly after the Munich massacre, Walters boarded a plane to the holy land. She spent four months on a kibbutz in northern Israel.

“I remember, when I got to Israel, I just took a moment and sat and cried, “ says Walters. “It was a way for me to heal, to understand Israel.”

Walters recorded the events in her diary, which she keeps until this day. When her son visited Germany a few years back, she asked him to visit the village and look for a memorial. All he found was a small, nearly hidden plaque.

“They don’t want people to remember that this happened there,” she says. “As the athletes arrived in Munich in 1972, I wrote in my diary that this was the most exciting, peaceful, wonderful place I had ever been—people from all over the world working and living together in peace. Then, the massacre happened.”

-Maayan Jaffe

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From Battery Park to Lincoln Center by Sheldon Laskin

Battery Park, Saturday.

I stand on the observation deck at the Jewish Heritage Museum, looking out over the vast expanse of New York Harbor. To my left are the East River and the Borough of Brooklyn, home to four generations of Laskins for some or all of their lives in this country. My eye follows the river downstream to where it empties into the Verrazano Narrows, separating Brooklyn and Staten Island. Beyond the Narrows are the open waters of the Atlantic. My eyes move right, westward past the Statute of Liberty – the sight of which still gives me goose pimples – to the towers of Ellis Island where my great-grandfather Louis Laskin disembarked from Russia in
1906, just after the Kishinev pogroms. Both grandfathers followed in separate ships the following year, Abraham Laskin like his father to Ellis Island, Benjamin Marder – a bit wealthier apparently – disembarking with the other second class passengers here in Battery Park, right where the museum now stands. My eyes move further west to the Hudson River and New Jersey, where my parents moved from Brooklyn in 1957, the same year the Dodgers left for the West Coast. Behind me, later, I visit the circular shell of Castle Garden where, a generation earlier even than the Laskins and the Marders, my paternal grandmother’s parents arrived in the 1880’s, fleeing the pogroms that followed the assassination of Czar Alexander II. She was the first of the family to be born in this city, I was among the last. I am struck that, in this one place, I am recapitulating much of the history of my family in this country since the turn of the last century.

Lincoln Center, Sunday

I sit in the audience at Jazz in Lincoln Center, waiting for my daughter to sing a solo in the 18th anniversary gala concert of HaZamir, the International Jewish High School Choir. The concert is sold out, the audience filled with proud parents, relatives and friends of these extremely talented teenage Jewish singers from throughout the United States and Israel. They have spent the weekend rehearsing in the Catskills, the summer vacation destination for many of the children of the immigrants who arrived in Lower Manhattan at the turn of the last century. They look so mature, so poised, as they wait for Matty Lazar, the founder and principal conductor of HaZamir, to take the podium. Two hours of incredibly beautiful choral music follow. It is hard to believe that all these amazingly gifted young Jewish performers only gather together as one group a couple of weekends a year; they sound as if they have been singing together for years. The fifth song is Debbie Friedman’s adaptation of Shalom Aleichem, finished shortly before her untimely death this year. This will be one of the first choral performances of the piece anywhere. There are four soloists and Matty Lazar announces their names as they step forward. Once again, as at Ellis Island, the name “Laskin” is called out in a crowded hall in New York City, but to such a different reception. This time there is applause instead of the bureaucratic questioning of an immigration inspector. I cannot help but think of Erica’s ancestors long since gone. Never in their wildest dreams could they have imagined that a great (and great-great) granddaughter would one day perform in one of the premier concert halls in the world, here in the city in which they made their home in the New World.

The following article is reprinted in its entirely from The Washington Post issue of 10/05/12:

At 99, Nationals fan recalls city’s only World Series title — in 1924

By J. Freedom du Lac, Published: October 5, 2012 in The Washington Post

Now here sits Bertram R. Abramson, 99 years old, lifelong lover of baseball — especially Washington baseball — wearing his new Nationals hat and talking about the time he saw his hometown team play in the World Series.

“Game One, 1924,” he says. “Walter Johnson pitched for the Senators. It was a good game, very well-played.” He remembers much of the detail like it was yesterday, even though it was more than 32,000 years ago, on Oct. 4, 1924, when Abramson sat in the aisle at old Griffith Stadium and watched the very first World Series game played in Washington. President Calvin Coolidge threw out the ceremonial first pitch. The men in the grandstand wore suits and straw hats. The Senators (or the Nationals, if you preferred — the team didn’t have an official nickname then) lost the game to the New York Giants; but they ultimately won the World Series.

No Washington team has won a World Series championship in the 88 years since. No Washington team has played in the major league postseason at all since the 1933 World Series, which the Senators lost. But the city’s 79-year playoff dry spell finally ends Sunday, when the Nationals begin the best-of-five National League Division Series against the St. Louis Cardinals.

“I expect good things out of this team,” says Abramson, who watches almost every game at home. “Washington has never had a team like this.” Not even in 1924, when the roster was loaded with future Hall of Famers and won it all? “Not even in ’24,” the semi-retired accountant says. No team sport celebrates and cherishes its past quite like baseball, and Washington is a city that’s obsessed with history — especially its own.

So there is something almost mystical about talking old-time Washington baseball with fans like Abram-
son, who personally witnessed World Series history. Not that there are many fans like Abramson still living, says Henry W. Thomas, the grandson of the great Walter Johnson.

“He’s gotta be one of the last who was there in 1924,” Thomas says. “Just do the math: You’d have to have been at least 8 to remember anything, and it was 88 years ago. So you’re at least 96 years old.” Thomas hasn’t met the 99-year-old Abramson — yet. But, he says, “I became pretty good friends with Shirley Povich,” the late, legendary Washington Post sports columnist. “And whenever I was with him, I could never escape the feeling that it was some kind of time travel for me. He’d bring up something that happened in 1924, and I’d just go: Wow! Gosh!”

Abramson remembers plenty about that team, along with his personal history here. His memory is “sharp as a tack,” says his niece, Lynne Filderman, who marvels that her uncle can recite his phone number from the 1920s.

“Sure,” Abramson says, when prompted. “It’s North-5542.” He has long been formally retired, but he still does the books for his son Eddie’s accounting firm, logging on to a computer every day in his home office.

On the eve of the postseason, Abramson sits at the kitchen table in his eighth-floor condominium in Bethesda. (His developer son, Jeffrey, built the luxury high-rise.) He looks over the 1924 World Series Game 1 box score; Washington’s lineup is nothing but last names — McNeely, Harris, Rice, Goslin, Judge, Bluege, Peckinpaugh, Ruel — so Abramson pulls all the first names from memory.

“’Peck’ to Harris to Judge, that was the double play: Roger Peckinpaugh, Bucky Harris and Joe Judge.” They were the starting shortstop, second baseman and first baseman.

“Now it’s [Ian] Desmond, [Danny] Espinosa and [Adam] LaRoche.”

He retrieves his own unwritten scouting reports — mostly about batters who couldn’t hit for power.

He once had his own souvenirs from the game, but they’re long lost to the landfill of history.

“I was a great saver,” he says. “My wife was a great thrower-outter.” All he has left is his late brother Irving’s shellacked ball bearing the signatures of some old Senators and a few other baseball greats, including Babe Ruth and Ty Cobb.

He discusses the pitchers, who were not listed on the box score, save for Johnson, who threw all 12 innings in the 4-3 Game 1 loss to the New York Giants.

An aside: “I saw Walter Johnson knock a home run.” When Stephen Strasburg hit a home run this year, Abramson told everybody that he’d seen a hard-throwing Washington ace do the same thing, more than 80 years earlier. “But it wasn’t at the World Series.”

Abramson was 11 during the ’24 Series, when he walked three-quarters of a mile from his family’s house on Seventh Street NW to Griffith Stadium, where Howard University Hospital was later built. He stood in his usual spot outside the stadium, near the tree to the left of the park’s turnstiles, where he often met friends before going in.

“I did what I always did,” he says. “I’d ask a man to take me in: ‘Mister, will you bring me in?’ It didn’t cost them anything; it was 12-and-under free. So I walked in with somebody.”

He didn’t have a seat — “I sat on the steps” — and he didn’t stay for all 12 innings. He had to get home, he recalls, because his parents didn’t know he was at the game.

“And it’s not like he had a cellphone to call them,” adds his son, Eddie.

It was the only World Series game Abramson would get to attend. The park was overcrowded, so kids weren’t allowed in free to the other World Series games at Griffith Stadium.

The team returned to the Series the following year, losing to the Pittsburgh Pirates, but Abramson didn’t attend any of those games. And he didn’t go in 1933, either, when the Senators lost to the Giants in five games: Though he’d gone to baseball’s very first All-Star Game that year in Chicago, by October, Abramson
was too busy working at Northeast Department Store, which his family had opened on Eighth and H streets NE. So he listened to the games on a crystal set radio.

Abramson got older, started a family, became a certified public accountant, worked and lived around Washington and continued to follow baseball from afar, even as the Senators were either lousy or leaving, which they did, twice.

When the Washington Nationals arrived, Abramson became keenly interested in the game again. He watched the games and followed the team, even through the horrible fits of losing. A few years ago, the family (three children, five grandchildren, two great-grandkids) treated Abramson and his wife, Frances, to a game at Nationals Park for their wedding anniversary.

It was the first time she’d ever been to a game, and she became increasingly interested in the team. “This year, when they got good, my mom really started following them,” Eddie Abramson says.

Bert and Frances, 91, who have been married 70 years, watched all the games together, “though she usually falls asleep,” her husband says. “She wakes up every five minutes and asks me what she missed.”

The Nationals surged.

Frances swooned.

Then, she was hospitalized with a stroke. Missed some games. “She was upset that the TV in rehab didn’t get the Nationals,” Eddie says.

She’s likely coming home just in time for the playoffs. She’d like to see what her husband saw in 1924.

So would Bert, one of the few Washingtonians who remembers what it feels like to call his team a World Series champion.

“It’s just fantastic,” he says.

Now here he sits with a request for his 100th birthday, which lands just days after the 2012 World Series: Let history repeat.

Marsha and Sherwin Yoffe of Baltimore wrote with news of their family: Our daughter, Alana graduated from the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing and is currently an R.N. in their Marburg Building. Our son, Abe, is starting to sell his photographs of people, places and events around Baltimore while working at his regular job at HDC in Cockeysville. Sherwin is enjoying online courses in finance and business. Marsha is busy with work, Hadassah and Sisterhood projects.

Dorothy Rubin wrote from Florida that she maintains her high energy level (she’s like the Scarlet Pimpernel—“She’s here, she’s there, she’s everywhere.”) and keeps busy with many activities. She has worked on the Presidential campaign, been secretary of her community association, tutors at the African American Research Library & Cultural Center, volunteers with the League of Women Voters and other organizations while also taking a daily 8am exercise class. She advises that we should eat right and exercise (and not to forget the dark chocolate, ice cream, nuts, fruits, veggies and yogurt.) She misses the Baltimore family and sends her love to all.

Debbie and Marvin Hurwitz are extremely proud to announce the engagement of their son Jeremy to Anya Poukchanski. Jeremy and Anya met during their undergraduate years at MIT. Jeremy is a software engineer for Google and the benefactor of Anya's great culinary skills. Anya is finishing her PhD. in biology at Stanford and looking for a job. She is also a certified fitness instructor and is teaching at various locations near their home in California. She is a die hard Red Wings hockey fan which makes for some interesting conversations whenever they are playing the Pittsburgh Penguins!!

The wedding will be August 18, 2013 in California.
Ellen and Lenny Samet, of Greensboro, NC are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Mindy Jennifer Samet to Bryan Andrews, on April 28, 2012. The wedding took place in Atlanta Georgia. (See photo at left.)


Mazel Tov to Jacob and Kristina Barr, on the birth of their son, Caleb Nicolas Barr. Caleb’s siblings are Emily and Aiden. The family lives in Colorado. Mazel tov also to the proud grandparents Steven and Elizabeth Barr.

Mazel Tov to Sandy and Joe Krome, on the birth of their granddaughter, Wylie Sienna Sax, daughter of Allison and Scott Sax of Baltimore. Happy big brother is Landon.

A more recent update from Maxene Silverman Perlmutter, from Israel:

We have returned from our 5 day holiday in Barcelona which Frank won in the National Lottery! We were part of a group of 150 Israelis, divided by age into 3 groups. Our guide, a woman in her 50’s, was very familiar with the city and did not ever need to check her notes. She took us to all the high spots, and left us enough free time to do whatever extras we were interested in. The hotel was very comfortable (4*) and the breakfasts were great. We ignored the meat, managed to fill up on the eggs, cheeses, fresh hard-crusted rolls, muesli, yogurts, juice, coffee and fruit salad. We were taken to the Sagrada Familia, several other churches, the Olympic Stadium, the aquarium, the Dali Museum, Park Guell, and viewed Gaudi’s architectural genius along the city.

110th Anniversary Farewell Brunch at the home of Miriam and Irwin Golob
On February 28, 2013, Shlomo Auerbach, the son of Judy and Avi Auerbach of Efrat, Israel, married Naomi Dolinsky, from Chashmon’a’im, Israel, at Kibbutz Tzorah, located just outside of Bet Shemesh, Israel. Attending the wedding from the BAYL Isreal branch were Judy and Avi Auerbach; Ezra, Nili, Eliana, Leora, and Gavriella Auerbach, Dahlia, Eli, and Ayelet Auerbach, Kalman and Chavela Labovitz and their 3 children Alex, Eli, and Michal Labovitz, Israel Meir and Ya’el Labovitz, Frank and Maxine Perlmutter, Howard and Bina Lear, and Michal Brooks Lever and her sister, Sophie Brooks.

In addition, the wedding was enhanced by the presence of the following BAYL family members who flew in to join in the celebration: Harriet Schlein came from Baltimore, Jeffrey Gordon from New York City, Rachel Shapiro from Seville, Spain, Phil Shapiro from Fairfax, VA, and Abby Shapiro from London, England. Also “virtually” present via Skype were Mildred Shapiro, Bill Bashevkin and David and Sarah Shapiro in Baltimore.

Shlomo, named after his late grandfather, Sol Shapiro, is studying Civil engineering and Naomi is working towards a Master’s degree in biotechnology. The young couple is living in Jerusalem.

The Auerbach Family of Israel would love to see more relatives coming to visit them in Israel and would like to suggest the Family Society consider a group visit to Israel.

Judy Auerbach, a licensed tour guide in Israel, has offered to put together a family tour itinerary for BAYL to consider for a group visit.

Email Judy at Judy@eyetours.net with comments, questions or suggestions.
Arlene and Sheldon Barr, of Stockton, CA, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on October 31, 2011. Shown (left to right) are son-in-law, Rabbi Paul Gordon, Tamara Barr Gordon, Sheldon and Arlene, and son-in-law, Nir Vegvaizer, and Rachel Barr Vegvaizer.

Phil Shapiro, of Centreville, VA, enjoyed (?) a day of outward-bound adventure in surprisingly rural northwestern New Jersey, in connection with his career as an attorney for AT&T.

Wedding of Amy Elizabeth Peterson and Dr. David Lawrence Levitt. Shown (left to right) are Hinda Peterson, Matt Peterson, Pamm Peterson, David and Amy, Richard Peterson and Rebecca Peterson. June 9, 2012

Tracey and Sammy Grant, of Sandy Springs, Georgia, (near Atlanta) with their children, Heather (7), Jacob (5) and Elizabeth (9)

Wedding of Jeremy Hurwitz and Victoria Schwartz
August 5, 2012
Harrisburg, PA

Celebrating at the Auerbach wedding on 2/28/13 are (L-R) Jeffrey Gordon, Abby Shapiro, Naomi Auerbach and Rachel Shapiro.

Robbie and Helen Solomon
BAYL Swim Party  August 19, 2012

A group of mostly Baltimore area cousins got together in August at the home of Lynn and Richard Dopkin, to eat, drink, swim and visit with each other for the afternoon. We had good weather and enjoyed a surprise appearance by the Charm City Gourmet food truck, an enterprise owned by our BAYL cousin, David Shapiro.
You're Invited

On the afternoon of Sunday, April 28, 2013, Sandi and Rick Popowitz have generously offered to host a Family Society gathering at their home in North Potomac, MD. Many years ago BAYL held regular meetings in the Washington DC area and we would like to do this again to give our family members an opportunity to get together and connect. There won’t be a "meeting” as such, but rather a pleasant social gathering. Watch your mail for more information. Meanwhile, mark your calendar and plan to attend.

110th Anniversary Reunion

The weekend of September 3-5, 2011, was a historical one for our family as we celebrated the 110th Anniversary of the first cousin’s (Morris Nachamson) arrival in the United States and what would evolve into the establishment of the B’nai Abraham and Yehuda Laib Family Society.

The celebration began after Shabbos with an evening of “Havdallah and Hot Dogs” generously hosted by David and Sarah Shapiro (and their daughters Leah and Rebecca—daughter Rachel had left for college) and attended by 51 cousins. David led an inspiring Havdallah service with many of the children participating and then he served as the chef, cooking up hot dogs and chicken. Sarah and their daughters kept the tables filled with the “fixins”, drinks and dessert. Cousins renewed acquaintances and in some cases meet cousins they had never met before. It was a fantastic start to the weekend.

On Sunday evening 171 cousins gathered at the Moses Montefiore Anshe Emunah Congregation for a lively evening of dining, dancing, visiting and more. A delicious meal catered by O’Fishel Kosher Caterers was preceded by lots of salad and hors d’oeuvre’ selections and featured a well stocked wine bar. Lively music was provided by DJ Michael Pachino who got many reluctant dancers onto the floor with his eclectic selection of tunes. Before dessert we were transfixed by a video presentation prepared by brothers Philip and David Shapiro. They have made a number of visits to Lithuania, the country of our ancestors, and they have been working on a project there (see related article elsewhere in this Bulletin) to restore the cemetery where many of our great grandparents are buried. The presentation told us about the conditions in Lithuania before our family left and also as it is now. Accompanied by pictures projected on the big screen, the dialogue and especially the first-hand descriptions were fascinating. Dessert and more dancing followed. Also, during the entire evening, everyone had the opportunity to see the Family Tablecloth as well as numerous displays that were prepared showing family history and the Family Tree.

Sunday was the farewell brunch hosted by Miriam and Irwin Golob (and daughter Adina—son Seth was away at college) at their home in Owings Mills. Over 40 cousins gathered to say their farewells while munching on bagels and “kvelling” over the fabulous weekend.

This event could not have happened without the dedication, hard work and time commitment of many cousins. Done as a labor of love, every one of them contributed greatly to the success of this Anniversary. Enough could not be said about the person who held it together and made certain that it all went smoothly—Barbara Leibowitz Lichter. Sadly, we lost her, way too soon, just one year after this reunion. She not only coordinated this event, but the two reunions prior to this. She was tremendously excited about the success of the weekend, not only from an event standpoint, but from the idea of the importance of our family gathering together, remembering those who came before us and celebrating the continuance of our heritage.

Thank you Barbara.

Submitted by:
Rebecca Tucker
110th Anniversary—Havdallah & Hotdogs at the home of Sarah and David Shapiro

Photo identifications begin on Page 26.
110TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION
Who are all these people?

1 Sandy Krome, Marsha & Sherwin Yoffe, Diana Grosman
2 Dahlia Auerbach, Leah Shapiro, Jeff Gordon, A.J. Gordon, Ayelet Auerbach, Esty Gordon
3 Mollie Benjamin, Robyn Levine, Neil Schlossberg
4 Randy Koch, Judy Auerbach, Joyce & Tom Stern; (Seated) Sam & Barbara Lichter
5 Jason & Victoria Hurwitz, Dan Hurwitz, Debbie & Marvin Hurwitz (seated), Lynn S. Dopkin
6 Sondra Levy, Diana Grosman, Evelyn Rosen
7 Lewis Lear, Mayumi Knudsen, Jesse Lear, Anna Lear
8 David Rochlin holding Sophia Shuster, Karen Shuster with Isabella Shuster, Dimitry Shuster, Margie Rochlin
9 Harriette Solomon, Phyllis Rubin
10 (Seated) Tom & Joyce Stern, Josie & Jerry Rubin; Hinda, Matt, Amy, Rebecca, Pamm & Richard Peterson
11 (Seated) Evelyn Rosen, Eileen Yoffe, Marsha & Sherwin Yoffe; Marc & Diana Grosman, Fran Ludman, Erica Laskin, Sheldon Laskin
12 Mallorie Kaplan, Nancie Leibowitz
13 Trent, Minda, Jim, & Reed Hampel, Jerry Yatt, Jenna Hampel, Anna Lear, Jesse Lear; (Seated) Barry and Sandy Yatt, Lewis Lear and Mayumi Knudsen
14 (Seated) Caron Solomon, Phyllis Solomon, Marlene & Bruce Solomon, Sylvia Solomon; Shannon Stern, Taylor Stern, Helen & Robbie Solomon, Harriette & Marvin Solomon
15 David Shapiro, Leah Shapiro, Sarah Shapiro, Ayelet Auerbach, Steve Gordon, Jeff Gordon, AJ Gordon, Rebecca Shapiro, Phil Shapiro, Judy Auerbach, Mildred Shapiro, Esty Gordon, Bill Bashevkin, Becky Gordon; (Seated) Dahlia Auerbach, Rebecca Shapiro, John Francis, Maya Francis, Emily Shapiro Francis.
16 (Seated) Debbie & Marvin Hurwitz, Jason & Victoria Hurwitz; Ben Labovitz, Jesse Lear, Dan Hurwitz
17 Irwin Golob, Harold Balser, Adina Golob, Wendi Kaplan, Brett Kaplan, Miriam Golob, Nancie Leibowitz, Lois Balser, Mallorie Kaplan, Derek Kaplan; (seated) Bari Weinstein, Kenn Hurwitz, Sam & Barbara Lichter, Sylvia Cummins, Ian Weinstein, Nurse Dee
18 Alex Flaxman, Robyn Hurwitz, Linda Flaxman, Atle Straume, Sally Flaxman, Rita Wenig, Heather Naviasky, Roz & Henry Naviasky, Rebecca Tucker, Max Flaxman, Barbara Leibowitz
19 Reed Hampel, Robyn Hurwitz (in rear), Sandy Yatt, Jenna Hampel, Jim Hampel
20 Sandy Masters, Courtney Masters, Larry Masters, Erin & Aaron Beyers
21 Matt Peterson, Richard & Pamm Peterson, Rebecca, Amy and Hinda Peterson
22 Shmuel & Ranessa Labovitz, Harriet Schlein
23 Liz & Steven Barr, Lana Sherman, Pam Goldberg
24 Irwin Golob, Wendi Kaplan, Adina Golob, Nancie Leibowitz, Miriam Golob, Derek Kaplan; in front, Bari Weinstein, Mallorie Kaplan, Brett Kaplan
25 Linda Barr & Joe Adams, Toby & Howard Cohen, Rita & Sol Barr
26 Barry Yatt, Caron Solomon
27 Jason & Victoria Hurwitz
28 Jerry Yatt, Sondra Levy, Walter Levy
29 Taylor Stern, Tom Stern, Shannon Stern
30 Kenn Hurwitz, Robyn Hurwitz, Tamara Hurwitz
31 Mildred Shapiro & Bill Bashevkin
32 Carol Macht, Amy Macht, Tamara Hurwitz, Rebecca Tucker, Pamm Peterson
33 Mildred Shapiro, Barbara Lichter
34 Marty Cohen, Judy Auerbach, Regina Cohen
35 Lynn & Richard Dopkin
36 Marlene & Bruce Solomon
37 Shannon Stern, Taylor Stern, Phyllis Solomon, Caron Solomon
38 Minda, Jenna & Jim Hampel
39 Harriette Solomon, Sandy Krome, Sylvia Solomon
40 Max Flaxman
41 Erica Laskin, Leah Shapiro
42 Jason Hurwitz, Kenn Hurwitz
43 Adina Golob, Mallorie Kaplan, Bari Weinstein, Kenn Hurwitz
New Homes

Congratulations to the following cousins who have moved to new homes:

Libby and Melvin Ellis
11 Kathleen Grant Road
S. Easton, MS 02375

Sally Flaxman
737 Olive Way, Apt. 2400
Seattle WA 98101

Judah and Mira Labovitz
6236 Berkeley Avenue
Baltimore MD 21209

Evelyn Rosen
4730 Atrium Court
Owings Mills MD 21117

Gary Seigel
10522 Rosehaven Street
Fairfax VA 22030

Harriette Seigel
10522 Rosehaven Street
Fairfax VA 22030

Karen and Dimitry Shuster
12 Brook Farm Court
Cockeysville MD 21030

A Note from our Financial Secretary, Miriam Golob:

Using PayPal is a very easy way to pay dues or contribute to the Family Society or the Anna and Myer Smith Fund—the PayPal account is set up under BAYL Family Society with my personal email address (golobfamily@comcast.net). When a member sends $$ to us, I will get a notification from PayPal and can transfer that $$ to our bank account. There is a transaction fee if the donor lives outside of the US…2.9% plus .30 per transaction. Please send me an email to let me know that you are sending the money…I wouldn’t want to miss any payments. Thanks!!

The Tablecloth Project

On July 14, 1947—close to 66 years ago—the Society approved the proposal of Miriam Shapiro Cohen to begin a project in which the autographs of each member would be embroidered on linen napkins that would be joined together to form a large tablecloth to be used at Society functions. Today, the joined napkins form a tablecloth that is 16 feet 4 inches by 4 feet 9 inches (plus a one and one-quarter inch border)!

We would like to make certain that the name of every family member is included on the tablecloth. If your name (or the name of one of your family members) is not included, please submit the information to Rebecca Tucker.

The embroidering is done as a labor of love. We would, however, appreciate a donation of $1.00 per name to defray the cost of this project.
Minutes of Board Meeting         January 30, 2011
A Board Meeting was held on January 30, 2011 at the home of Barbara and Sam Lichter. Attending were Lynn Dopkin, Robyn Hurwitz, Sondra Levy, Barbara and Sam Lichter, Harriet Schlein, Joyce and Tom Stern, David Shapiro, Phil Shapiro, Rebecca Tucker and Barry Yatovitz.

Treasurer’s Report:
Miriam Golob was unable to attend but sent the following report:
General Fund----$15, 494.06
T. Rowe Price Fund----$11, 854.95
Anna & Myer Smith Memorial Fund----$1,808.16

A PayPal Account has been set up for dues payments and will be tested in the next week or two.

The funds that were donated by members for the Wounded Warriors Unit at Kandahar Air Base totaled over $550 and at the time of the meeting over $300 has been spent on items and postage. The balance will probably be spent by the end of February.

Financial Secretary:
Barry Yatovitz reported 153 paid members.

Old Business:
Wounded Warriors:
The drive to send supplies to the WW Unit has been very successful with over $550 donated as well as many items. We have sent tennis shoes, sheet sets, blankets, books, magazines, coffee and supplies, candy, snack items and more. This week we will be shipping an automatic coffee maker. All monies donated as well as a small amount (about $25-50) from the Treasury has been spent on this drive. Rebecca thanked all those who helped including our cousin Jacob Barr, stationed in Afghanistan, who brought this project to our attention.

Bulletin:
Lynn Dopkin reported that she has begun work on the next Bulletin. If enough news comes in, it will be published before the Anniversary. If not, then after the Anniversary. She reported an excellent response to the idea on electronic distribution. One of the major advantages of this method is that the pictures and graphics are much sharper. There are savings in mailing, preparation time, distribution time and postage as well. Those who want the hard copy will still get that as will those who want both. It is anticipated that the Anniversary edition will be a hard copy.

Anniversary Weekend:
Barbara Lichter reported that with the assistance of our cousin Renee Siegel, we have contracted with Liberty Jewish Center for the Sunday night dinner and dance. The price was very favorable ($750.00). We have also contracted with O’fishel Catering who is charging $50.00 per person—plus gratuities, sales tax and Mashgiach fees. Without the Mashgiach fees, this amounts to $63.00 per person. The price for children is $25 per child (plus the tax and tip which comes to a total of $31.50). In addition, it was brought to everyone’s attention that the children’s price is conditional upon all children at the same table. If seated at the adult table, the adult price will be charged and the adult meal served. A discussion was held regarding this issue and regarding what price we should charge. It was felt that we could set up the children’s table and if a child wants to sit with the adult family, once they get their meal, it and they could move to another table. Lynn Dopkin moved that we set the price for the weekend at $65 for an adult and $25 for a child under 13. Following a second by David Shapiro, the motion was carried.
The weekend would begin with an Havdallah service on Saturday night at the home of David and Sarah Shapiro. David indicated that he and Sarah would supply everything for this event. Everyone thanked him for this very generous gesture.

The Sunday morning brunch will be held at the home of Miriam and Irwin Golob. Barbara has been in contact with the DJ we had last time and is waiting to receive the contract. She is also trying to obtain an entertainer who performs at events without charge, requesting a charitable donation as payment. In addition, she has spoken to the director of the program which makes the Centerpieces for Tzedakah and has reserved our date. The group agreed that the cost of both items would come from the Anna and Myer Smith Fund since both would go to local charities.

**Minutes of Board Meeting**  
**May 1, 2011**

A Board Meeting was held on May 1, 2011 at the home of Rebecca Tucker. Attending were Lynn Dopkin, Miriam Golob, Robyn Hurwitz, Jonah Labovitz, Sondra Levy, Barbara and Sam Lichter, Joyce and Tom Stern, David Shapiro, Mildred Shapiro and Bill Bashevkin, Rebecca Tucker and Barry Yatovitz.

**Treasurer’s Report:**
Miriam Golob reported the following:
- General Fund----$15, 007.93
- T. Rowe Price Fund----$11, 855.12
- Anna & Myer Smith Memorial Fund----$1,808.16

A Pay Pal Account has been set up for dues payments and has been tested successfully. An email will go out shortly advising out-of-country members of this. After the Anniversary, we will make this option for dues payments open to everyone.

**Financial Secretary:**
Barry Yatovitz reported 142 paid members. The next dues billing cycle will begin in the summer.

**Old Business:**
Wounded Warriors:
The drive to send supplies to the WW Unit at the Kandahar Air Base in Afghanistan has been completed successfully with many items donated as well as over $600 in cash. We have sent tennis shoes, sheet sets, blankets, books, magazines, coffee and supplies, candy, snack items, an automatic coffee maker along with many other items. Rebecca thanked all those who helped including our cousin Jacob Barr, stationed in Afghanistan, who brought this project to our attention.

**Bulletin:**
Lynn Dopkin reported that she has begun work on the next Bulletin and requested everyone to send their news to her. The next issue will be published after the Anniversary.

**Anniversary Weekend:**
Work has begun on a mailing to solicit ads for the Program Book which will be put together by Marsha Yoffe. Last anniversary this effort raised over $1,000 which offset much of the cost of the celebration. As before, the per-person cost of the weekend only actually covers the cost of the dinner on Sunday evening. So the ad book is important.

An email will go out shortly advising members that now is the time to update their family listings on the tablecloth. We are asking for a contribution of $1.00 per name. The work on the cloth will be done by Linda Flaxman.

David Shapiro recommended that we try to solicit someone in the family with good PR skills to get the word out about this celebration. Barbara will look into this.
Barbara reported that the people she had hoped to get for free entertainment at the banquet are not available. At this juncture, what we do have is a disc jockey. But we also have plans to put up a picture display with the group photographs of the prior banquets. There is the probability that we will have a means of identifying people in these pictures and that should be interesting to many. In addition, David Shapiro, who will be traveling to Lithuania shortly with his wife Sarah and his brother Philip, will prepare a 10-15 minute travelogue highlighting those places important in our family history.

We have obtained the services of a photographer recommended by Harriet Schlein who will take the group picture. This photographer (Lev Bar-av of National Photo, has been working with Rebecca on finding a way we can use to identify every person in the 2006 group photo. Rebecca showed an example of what is being done with this effort. Barbara made a motion, seconded by Barry that we spend the additional money (about $45) and have the 2006 picture enlarged. This was suggested by the photographer. Motion was carried. Although we do not have a set price for taking the panoramic picture for this banquet, Barry moved and Lynn seconded that we go with this photographer unless his final price is “out of line” since the other quotes we got were extremely high. Motion carried. Meanwhile, Lynn will work with trying to find a process to do the identification herself so that photography costs on the other pictures can be saved.

Mailings are being prepared and will go out shortly for registering for the weekend. The next meeting will be held on Sunday, July 10 at 7 PM at the home of Mildred and Bill.

Minute Notes Submitted by: Robyn Hurwitz

Board Meeting July 10, 2011
A Board Meeting was held on Sunday, July 10, 2011, at the home of Mildred Shapiro and Bill Bashevkin. Attending were Lynn Dopkin, Sondra Levy, Barbara and Sam Lichter, David and Sarah Shapiro, Mildred Shapiro and Bill Bashevkin, Marvin and Harriette Solomon, Fran Stern, Joyce and Tom Stern, and Rebecca Tucker. Philip Shapiro joined the meeting by conference call.

Treasurer’s Report:
submitted by Miriam Golob:

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Included in these amounts are deposits for banquet reservations of $975.00; income from ad journal of $1080 and contributions to the Memorial fund from the Tablecloth project of $84.

Financial Secretary:
Barry Yatovitz was not in attendance but sent a message that dues bills will be sent after the Anniversary Weekend.

Old Business:
Anniversary Weekend: Barbara Lichter reported that all plans are in place with the menu selection made with O’Fishel, the centerpieces ordered from Centerpieces for Tzedacka, displays are being prepared, program journal (ad book) close to completion, the photographer hired. David and Sarah Shapiro are planning the Havdalah and Hotdogs evening and the Golobs (Miriam and Irwin) are planning the Monday morning brunch. A discussion was held on whether or not to have wine served, on the table or a wine bar. The majority preferred a wine bar and this will be discussed with the caterer. No problem is anticipated.

Bulletin: Lynn Dopkin reported that the next Bulletin will be the 110th Anniversary edition after the celebratory weekend.
Cemetery Project:
David and Philip each reported on their recent trip to Lithuania and the status of the cemetery project. A group of volunteers in the Rokiskis area have offered to upright and repair tombstones in the old Jewish cemetery where many of our ancestors are buried. It was agreed by those present that we approve of this being done subject to certain conditions. Rebecca Tucker will be signing a letter to the Remembering Rokikis Area Jewry, LLC on behalf of the Family Society to state our approval of this project.

The next meeting will be held after the Anniversary Weekend and will be on Sunday, October, 2 at the home of Joyce and Tom Stern.

Board Meeting Minutes October 2, 2011

A Board Meeting was held on October 2 at the home of Joyce and Tom Stern. Attending were Barbara and Sam Lichter, David Shapiro, Mildred Shapiro and Bill Bashevkin, Philip Shapiro, Joyce and Tom Stern, and Rebecca Tucker.

Treasurer’s Report:
Miriam Golob sent a report that the following funds were available:
General Fund $15,825.43, T. Rowe Price Fund $11,855.40 and the Anna and Myer Smith Memorial Fund has $1545.16.

Financial Secretary:
No report.

Old Business:
Anniversary:
A total of 171 people attended the banquet (155 adults, 16 children of whom 8 were under 5 years old). The Havdalah and Hot Dogs was attended by 55 family members and the brunch by 46. In all, 69 family units were represented at the celebration.

A huge THANK YOU was extended to David and Sarah Shapiro for their gracious hospitality and generous contribution for the Saturday night program; to Miriam and Irwin Golob and Barbara and Sam Lichter for their sponsorship of the Sunday morning brunch; to David, Philip and Rachel Shapiro for all the work they did in preparing and presenting the program at the banquet; to Lynn Dopkin for taking pictures at the various programs; to Linda Flaxman for all the work to get the tablecloth up-to-date; to Marsha Yoffe for the work done to prepare the Program Book; to Renee Seigel for her assistance in securing the Banquet hall; to Barry Yatovitz for handling the reservations and to Barbara Lichter for all her hard work in bringing everything together.

In discussing the weekend, it was agreed that everything worked out beautifully. Compliments were received on the tablecloth, the displays, the food and especially the program presented by Philip and David tracing our roots back to Lithuania. In fact, it was agreed that the only recommendation for next time is to have two wine bars so the wait for a glass of wine would be shorter.

Bulletin:
Information for the next Bulletin is in the process of being gathered. Lynn Dopkin asked that everyone get their information to her by December 23.

Good and Welfare: It was announced that we had lost 2 members recently. One, Israel Smith, of Texas was one of our oldest members in terms of both age and length of time as a member. The other, Claire Lichter, was the wife of Paul and one of our newest members. A tree in Israel has been planted in memory of each.
Board Meeting Minutes June 3, 2012
The meeting was called to order at the home of Barbara and Sam Lichter by President, Rebecca Tucker, at 7:15 pm. In attendance were: Miriam Golob, Adina Golob, Bill Bashevkin, Mildred Shapiro, Sam Lichter, Joyce Stern, Tom Stern, Sondra Levy, Phil Shapiro, Robyn Hurwitz, Lynn Dopkin, Barbara Lichter.
Rebecca read the minutes of the last meeting, which were approved and passed.

In Barry Yatovitz's absence, Rebecca gave the following Financial Secretary’s report:
Out of 183 families, we have 124 who have paid dues. Only one bill was sent this year. If somebody hasn’t paid for 3 years, they are dropped...if the member receives a bill for multiple years and only pays for one year, they are considered in good standing.

Treasurer’s Report:
Smith Memorial Fund $2,533.16
BAYL Checking $18,069.03
T.Rowe Price $11,855.84

Old Business:
Anniversary: Rebecca passed around a comparison of the past 3 banquets (what was received and spent)

Bulletin: Lynn is compiling all articles and information; including a document which Phil wrote detailing the family’s history. Phil would like to make sure all information is correct before publishing. Lynn is looking for more pictures and memorial articles. The Bulletin will be published by the end of July and distributed right away.

Website: Phil is working on the website.

Cemetery Project: Phil has raised $40,000 for the cemetery in Lithuania. This will cover the design for the fence and gate. There has been cooperation from local officials. As of today, there are 2 “corporations” that have been created. One will distribute the money and one receives tax deductible contributions. He is trying to engage the local community to restore the cemetery, but the locals don’t know anything about Jews. The name of the corporation is “Remembering Litvaks, Inc.” and the directors of the corporation are: Phil Shapiro, David Shapiro, Rebecca Tucker, Shirley Saunders (of Newton Centre, MA) and Howard Margol (of Atlanta, GA). Phil is looking into 501c3 status and tying that to the Family Society (so donations are fully tax deductible).

New Business:
Smith Fund Donations: Barbara made a motion to give $500.00 to The ASSOCIATED and $500.00 to Magen David Adom. Lynn seconded the motion. The motion was amended (by Barbara) to give an additional $200.00 to Ahavas Yisroel as soon as it is available. Lynn seconded the amended motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. (Note: some banking business has to be completed before the additional funds are available for distribution).

Membership Development and Tree Update Project: She would like to somebody to spearhead a project to contact people that we know and get updates on their family. Phil volunteered to make call.

What’s Next—The future of the BAYL: We need to plan an event to attract new members. A pool party will be held on August 19th at Lynn’s house. Phil will chair the party, Lynn will take RSVPs and Joyce will arrange the food.

Good and Welfare: Lots of good news from everybody!

Next Meeting: August 19th, then a follow up shortly thereafter. Submitted by Miriam Golob
Cemetery and Educational Project
Submitted by Philip Shapiro

The founding generation of the BAYL Family Society lived in and near Kupisik (Kupiskis) and Rakisik (Rokiskis), Lithuania. In 1800, when Laibe Krok lived in the tiny hamlet of Tzelkay (Celkiai), Jews had already lived in the area for more than 200 years. In each community, Jews constituted a majority of the population and there were active synagogues, schools, and religious and charitable societies. Market days were particularly vibrant. Conversations were primarily in the local dialect of Yiddish, the German-based language that their ancestors spoke when they left Central Europe.

That world ended abruptly in August, 1941, when Germans and their Lithuanian supporters murdered each community’s Jewish residents. Today, a visitor will find few noticeable remnants of the former Jewish presence. A town may still have a “Synagogue Street” or a “Jewish Street,” but the buildings representing Jewish life, such as those of shibbles, cheders, and mikvahs, no longer exist. However, in many cases, though not all, the long unvisited cemeteries endure.

During the German occupation, 1941 –1944, the old Jewish cemeteries were generally not disturbed. However, after the Soviet Union re-occupied Lithuania in 1944, some Jewish cemeteries were desecrated. For example, an elementary school was built on top of the cemetery in Kupisik (Kupiskis), where, in all likelihood, many of the ancestors of Shlomo Zavilevitz, the father of BAYL founder Myer Smith (Zanvil Zavilevitz), are buried.

Fortunately, no official harm came to the cemeteries in Ponedel (Pandelys), the home community of the Romm family; Kamai (Kamajai), the home community of the Silverman, Yatovitz, and Shapiro families); and Rokisik (Rokiskis), where Rella Krok is likely buried, as well as members of the Abramson, Rubin and other families. Though undisturbed, these cemeteries have the appearance that one would expect of a cemetery that has been neglected for more than 70 years. Of particular concern is the possibility that new development will encroach upon cemetery boundaries.

In 2007, David and Phil Shapiro, their sister, Judy Auerbach, and Judy’s husband, Avi, began investigating how the physical condition of the large Rakisik cemetery might be improved. Part of the answer is to better define the cemetery’s boundaries, but another part of the answer is to make local Lithuanians more aware of the Jewish communities that once existed in the area. We also found that there are other descendants of Rakisik Jews scattered around the world who have a similar interest.

In July, 2011, David filed an application for the municipal, county, and state approvals needed to undertake work to improve the condition of the Rakisik cemetery. This application has the full support of the Rakisik mayor. When approvals are received, a survey of the cemetery’s boundaries will be performed and the border of the cemetery will be marked, partly by fencing and partly by distinctive shrubbery. In addition, the local historical museum has agreed to work with us in conducting educational programs on Jewish life in the area. Phil is in the process of establishing a tax-exempt organization that will be able to receive funds for specific projects. David and BAYL President Rebecca Tucker serve on the Board of Directors.

A Bit of Our History
Your memories of BAYL people, activities and happenings. (This will be a new feature of The Bulletin.) Please email or mail your submissions to Lynnsdop@aol.com or to Lynn at 2518 Willow Glen Drive Baltimore MD 21209.

CECELIA BEBCHICK
Submitted by Ranessa Cohen Labovitz

On Monday night, December 15 1986, Lynn Dopkin called asking if I was aware that Cecelia Bebchick had passed away on December 11. The funeral was to take place the following day December 16 at Levinson’s Funeral Home on Reisterstown Road at 10 AM. After speaking to Lynn, I called members of my family to tell them of the Funeral.
On Tuesday morning I went with my Aunt Ruth Reinberg. It was a freezing cold, very dreary day. There were a few other members of the Family Society there but no one seemed to be going to the cemetery. Aunt Ruth asked if I would go the cemetery. Ray Silverman drove Aunt Ruth & myself following the hearse. Per tradition, the Rabbi and pallbearers stopped 3 times with the casket while saying Psalm 91 before turning right to the grave which had been dug. I asked why they were going right and not to the left where Cecelia’s father was buried. The Rabbi’s asked, “Where have you been for the last 5 days?” and “How do you know that is where she should be buried?” I answered, “All my life I was told Cecelia was to be buried next to her father.” I proceeded to show the gentleman the spot. The Rabbi suggested that Cecelia be buried in the original grave and moved to the proper grave the next day. Mr. Carp, the cemetery keeper, went home to retrieve the cemetery plans. The plans didn’t state definitively that Cecelia was to be buried in that spot, but the space was available with no name attached to it.

It was agreed that Levinson’s would take the body back to the funeral home, and for $350 Mr. Carp would open the proper grave; then at 3 PM we would return to place Cecelia next to her father. Aunt Ruth wrote the $350 check on the spot.

When we returned home, Aunt Ruth & I made calls and at 2:30 we headed to Rosedale with 8 other people in the van. The group included Ruth Reinberg, Florence Stutman, Miriam Cohen, Ray Silverman and myself. We made sure that Cecelia Bebchick was buried in her rightful place next to her father, with friends and family present.

I want to backtrack in the story with some history. Many months previously, Ruth Reinberg had gone to visit Cecelia in the nursing home where she lived and asked if all of Cecelia’s affairs were in order. Cecelia responded affirmatively. Those to be notified at the time of her death were Ruth Silverman Hermanson and Dr. Solomon Shapiro. By the time Cecelia died Ruth Hermanson had pre-deceased her (She passed away in October, 1986) and Dr. Shapiro happened to be on vacation in Hawaii with his wife, Mildred. So when Cecelia died on December 11 the funeral home tried notifying the next of kin but received no call backs. The funeral home then put the notice in the paper that Lynn Dopkin read and set in motion the above incident.

Editor’s note: Cecelia was the daughter of Ida and Meyer Bebchick. Meyer passed away in May, 1951 and when I was born in December of that year, I was named for him. My full name is Mira Lynn.

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The following is the text of a letter sent from Rele Krok to her sister, Ethel Maron, who had emigrated to Australia before the war. The letter is dated July 7, 1946 and was written shortly after Rele was able to come out of hiding.

Dearest sister Ettie, your husband and children, may you all live happily.

I received your letter of the 5/6, seven weeks ago, for which I thank you very much. I also received your letter in the committee. I write to you very often. In the month of June, I sent 6 long letters with details of my life but I don’t know if you received them. Your letters are very precious to me. Each time I receive one, I cry from joy that I have you, even though you are so far away but, my sisters, if we would have all left I would not have the tsorres that I have today…

My dear sister, you ask me how I live. I could write a lot but it is difficult to write everything. One cannot write about everything. (censored) I am working in my profession. The work is difficult. In addition it is difficult to make a living. I barely earn enough for food. As for making something for myself (to wear) that is out of the question. Everything that we had before the war, the bandits, the barbarians took from us. When we were in the camp we had to live on the remaining things. I used to sell dresses, washing, and shoes to buy food. Otherwise I would have died of hunger. When I was liberated, I went out naked and barefoot and today I have to provide everything anew.

When I went back to the miserable Rakeshik they told me that before our parents were taken from the house, Father took all our possessions to our servant and told her that if I should return then she should give them to me. My dear parents had no idea where I was. They were innocent decent souls. What they had to suffer before they were put to death!! Oh God, my heart bursts from pain. How can one live? And now when I arrived at my birthplace after so much trouble and pain and went to our servant, she didn’t want to speak to me
at all and chased me out. Our Lithuanian acquaintances told me that she walks around in our mother’s fur coat. I think that she (Mother) had it made before olle’s time. She used to wear it seldom so it was still new. When I asked her—the servant—where is Mother’s coat? She said haughtily “I remodeled it for myself and on the wall of her house there hung a housecoat belonging to Sonia (Stolov—also a sister) I wanted to take it so she said “What will I wear now?” My dearest, can one’s heart not burst from this? That for which my dear ones worked so hard, I have no ownership. It is bitter enough for me to have to go and ask for our thingks and ntoto have found anyone alive and I still to have tsorres over this. But I am alive and I need to have clothes to wear even if life is not sweet. I went with the police to her and in an outrage she showed where there lay buried a small memento of my beloved home. Nu, she must live and how can I endure this all. I only want a flood in the world where no one should remain and everything should be forgotten.

At her home I found 4 sheets, 2 tablecloths, one bed cover, one of Sonia’s tablecloths, Mother’s coat, 2 pillowcases, 2 (tsirualin) and a few other small items and then a part of our Pesach equipment. This was all buried in the earth. From the many cushions that we had, I don’t have even one cushion. Now I have to buy at the market and everything costs so much.

Yes, my dear sister, it is difficult about everything but you can understand. I think that for you who are so far from here, it is difficult to comprehend the robbery of our people. Oh, if only we were able to speak to one another, we would have so much to tell each other that it would occupy whole days and nights. Today writing on paper, is hard and I write and I doubt...more to follow.

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**What Is Maos Chitim**

The Five Books of Moses contain 613 commandments/mitzvahs. One of them requires wheat farmers to leave a portion of their field for the poor to gather wheat. Over the centuries, Jews who were not farmers fulfilled this mitzvah by donating food to the poor or donating money to a charity that would distribute food to the poor in the time before Pesach.

In this spirit, the Family Society has traditionally made an annual donation at the Passover season through the Anna and Myer Smith Fund to a local charity (Ahavas Yisrael) which provides food packages to needy community members each Shabbat and for the holidays. The years of our Anniversary celebrations (2001, 2006, 2011), our Maos Chitim donation was made to the Kosher Food Pantry who in turn lent us table decorations for our banquets. These decorations are baskets filled with canned goods representing the gifts made to needy members of the community.

The Smith Fund is also the source of our Family Society donations to the Red Magen David Adom (Israeli Red Cross) and The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore.

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**BAYL is on Facebook**

The Family Society has a presence on Facebook, a social networking site on the internet. This is a place where you can share your thoughts, activities, travels, and photos with your cousins all over the world. Membership is free and easy to accomplish, but is limited to people within our family, and not open to the general public.

To join, go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and sign in. (It takes only a minute to register.) Once you are signed in, search for the site “B’nai Abraham” and the computer will find it. Then just click on “Join this group.” The website will send an email to Lynn Silverman Dopkin, she will approve you, and then you’re good to go! One day in the future, perhaps this website will take the place of the current paper or online edition of the Bulletin you are reading.

For questions or comments, please email Lynn at Lynnsdop@aol.com or call her at 410-484-4469.
For the young men pictured to the right in the founding line-up of Maccabi Tel Aviv-Jaffa, the outbreak of the First World War brought upheaval and distress, as it did to many of the Jewish community in what was then Palestine, a region ruled for centuries by the Ottoman Empire. The experiences of our family are probably not uncommon. My grandfather, Maurice Yatt (Moshe Yatovitz/Mose Jatovitch) was born in 1896. His parents Pessa Leba Romm, daughter of Rella Krok, and Henech Yatovitz had eight children, and the eldest, Rochel, was 25 when Maurice was born. Like many in our family, they left Russian territories to avoid persecution, and the parents and some of the younger children settled near Gadera in Palestine in 1905.

It was not obvious what impact the war would have. Jewish opinion on the war was mixed. There was a very clear anti-war belief in the socialist movements like the Bund, which were strong in many Jewish communities. Many Zionists initially supported the Ottoman Empire – Ben Gurion, for example, saw success for the Ottomans as securing a Jewish homeland – maybe even Jewish representation in the Turkish parliament. And across western Europe on different sides of the war, Jews strove to prove their loyalty by enlisting.

However, the situation quickly changed. To the Ottoman authorities, the recent immigrants were seen as a threat — ironically, given they were refugees from Russian persecution — as enemy aliens, particularly young men, and measures were introduced against these new immigrants. Some were interned like Henech and Pessa, and Henech died in Ottoman imprisonment in 1916 or 1917. Many fled into exile, yet again, like Maurice.

By the beginning of 1915, Maurice was in Egypt, as were many like him. Egypt, though nominally part of the Ottoman empire, was controlled by the British and here there was an active movement to recruit soldiers against the Turks.

Some prominent Zionists had been lobbying the British authorities in Egypt to establish a Jewish fighting force (“The first organized Jewish fighting force since the time of the Maccabbeans!”). They thought a British victory would lead to the collapse of the Ottoman Empire and the establishment of a Jewish homeland.

Finally, they had some success, and a new unit – the Zion Mule Corps or the Assyrian Refugees Transport Corps – was established in Alexandria (the fact that the newly recruited soldiers were not British subjects meant they could not be raised as a fighting unit). Over 500 soldiers, including Maurice, were quickly recruited and sworn in by the Grand Rabbi of Alexandria in March 1915.

The commanding officer of the ZMC was Colonel John Patterson, an Irish Protestant. His second in command was Joseph Trumpeldor, a Russian Jew who had been a highly decorated officer in the Russian-Japanese war. There were five British officers and four other Jewish officers; the other soldiers were Jews, mainly Russian refugees. After some training, the ZMC went into action and joined the British armies in the Dardanelles for the Gallipoli campaign in mid-April 1915.

The campaign was not a huge success for the ZMC. The main problem is that Gallipoli as a whole was a fiasco and a military failure. But there were other problems too. When the troops departed, many in the ZMC hoped they were going back to Palestine to fight the Ottomans and so were disappointed. On arrival, the Corps was split in two, with half fighting as part of the Australian and New Zealand armies (ANZAC), led by the Australian General Sir John Monash, probably the highest ranking Jewish of-
ficer of the war. The other half fought with British units. Conditions were very difficult, and though nominally not a fighting unit, logistics and supply are a key part of any military campaign. Eye-witness accounts of soldiers describe the harsh and dangerous conditions that all the transport units worked under supplying the troops, as they often had to operate under fire as the Turks held commanding positions of the area.

The ZMC troops with the ANZACs fared poorly. They could not speak English, had inexperienced ANZAC officers, and poor relations with the ANZAC troops. They faced very poor conditions, and were soon returned to Egypt (much to the horror of the British officers who saw this as a PR disaster). Of the 190 ZMC troops who had served with the ANZACs, about a third were discharged for medical reasons, a third arrested for insubordination, and a third deserted after poor treatment by their officers.

The ZMC troops serving under Patterson and Trumpledor with the British units did much better. They were recognised as serving very bravely and playing a vital role. However, these units also had problems and there appear to have been divisions between the Russian Jews and the Alexandrian Jews who had joined up. Disease was a serious problem, and by the end of summer, the strength of the units was down by a half. Although new troops were recruited, further recruitment was difficult. The ZMC continued to serve until evacuation in December 1915.

For Maurice, the military campaign was personally difficult. Although he was promoted to corporal, after about three months of service he contracted trachoma, a serious infectious eye disease that was endemic to the area. This affected his sight for the rest of his life, and he was invalided out of the army and returned to Egypt. We do not know what he did there for the next four years, but we do have some photographs of the time, so he had some family and friends there. In 1919, he left for South Africa where his elder brother Leo lived (Henech had made trips in the late 19th century).

For all its difficulties, the ZMC had proved its worth. The ZMC was dissolved in April 1916, and about 120 troops, including Trumpledor, were sent to England, attached to the British army. The remaining ZMC veterans were sent to England where they were a unit in the London Regiment. Continued pressure from soldiers like Trumpledor, prominent Zionists like Weizmann as well as many in the Anglo-Jewish community saw the establishment of the 38th Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers – the Jewish Legion. Over the next year, more battalions were added with volunteers from all over the world. The legion saw active service under General Allenby in the Jordan valley.

Postscript

David Ben-Gurion later enlisted in the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers (which contained the Jewish Legion). Maccabi Tel Aviv now plays in the Israeli Premier League.

Sources


- Submitted by Scott Hazelhurst, of Wits, South Africa
Welcome New Members:

Joseph and Sandy Friedman Krome live in Baltimore. Sandy is the daughter of the late Leah Nessa Hurwitz Friedman and Samuel H. Friedman. Sandy is the mother of Reesa Lynn Pearlman and Julie Soss, and Allison Pearlman Sax and Scott Sax, and Bubbie of 3 yr old Landon Shane Sax, 1 yr old Adele (Addy) Stacy Pearlman Soss, and Wylie Sienna Sax, born March 3, 2013. Sandy has worked for Hadassah of Greater Baltimore for almost 20 years and enjoys regularly seeing various cousins in the office. Sandy and Joe celebrated their 14th wedding anniversary on August 30, 2012.

Paul Lichter lives in Baltimore. He is the son of the late Sonia Smith-Savolevitch and Aaron Lichter, grandson of Laib Smith (Savolevitch) and Rivka Wien, great-grandson of Simon Smith & Tsivia. Paul’s late wife, Claire, was the mother of their two sons, Jason (Jennifer) and Brian (Sara). Paul also has three adorable grandchildren, Brandon, Camryn and Charlotte Lichter.

Rebecca Shapiro, Emily Francis and Abigail Shapiro are the daughters of cousin Philip Shapiro and granddaughters of Mildred and Bill Bashevkin and the late Solomon Shapiro. All three grew up in Guilderland, New York, a suburb of Albany.

Rebecca Shapiro holds degrees in English and Graphic Design. She lives in Seattle, Washington, where she works at Amazon.com as a User Experience Designer for Kindle. She is also a freelance book designer and visual artist and has shown her work in Seattle, New York, Miami and Zurich.

Emily Francis is a graduate of Smith College (B.A., Mathematics) and George Washington University (M.A., Mathematics). She lives in Greenbelt, Maryland, with her husband, John Francis and daughter, Maya. Emily is currently attending graduate school at Loyola College in Maryland and expects to receive her M.S. in counseling in May, 2013. John is a Colonel in the United States Army.

Abigail Shapiro is a graduate of American University (B.S., Business) and the London School of Economics (M.S., Finance and Real Estate Development). She lives in London and works for Oxford Properties, which invests and manages real estate in Europe for a Canadian pension fund.

Steven and Sheila Dubick Wolf - Sheila is the daughter of the late Sydney Dubick, and sister of Michelle Dubick Nusinov and Susan Dubick. She wrote: I rediscovered the BAYL Family Society when our over 55 community had a car show. There was a participant, Bruce Solomon, who I knew was Lenny Solomon’s son just by looking at him. We talked briefly and I was reminded of the fun I had at BAYL events. So I made contacts to join the family circle again and got my sisters Michelle Nusinov and Susan Dubick to join with me. My brother, Howard Dubick, will probably be joining soon too. We are related through our grandmother, Sadie Smith Dubick Akman and our late Dad, Sydney Dubick. Our mom, Sonia Klein Dubick Matz, is still a member of the family circle.

I married Steven Wolf 45 years ago. I was a teacher and then a trainer for the government. Steve was an electrical engineer and worked for the government, then made a big move to private industry in Texas. We lived there for ten years and came back to Columbia, MD. We recently retired.

Our son Sander moved back to Texas after college. He found a girl from Texas while he was living in Boston and attending Berklee College of Music. He and Annette married and moved back to where Sander grew up in Texas. They have a five year old, Jasper Fredrick Wolf.

Our daughter, Lisa, went to Ohio State University where she majored in Aviation and minored in Yiddish. She lives nearby in Columbia with her son Bryce Michael Akers, who is nine.

To celebrate our retirement we just visited Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. Steve is currently a ham radio
operator and I design stained glass pieces as a hobby. We still live in Columbia and continue to go to the activities in our community.

Donald and Michelle Dubick Nusinov - Michelle is the daughter of Sonia Matz and the late Sydney Dubick, and sister of Sheila Wolf, Susan Dubick and Howard Dubick. She wrote the following to introduce herself and her family;

I was born in 1950 to Sydney and Sonia Dubick. I have two sisters, Sheila and Susan, and a brother Howard. I am second in line. In 1971 I married Donald Nusinov. We have two sons, Sydney and Alan. Thanks to Sydney and his wife Carmen, we have a cutie pie grandson, Nathan, who was born December 2011. My husband inherited the family jewelry business, Charles Nusinov and Sons (where he worked since he was a kid) and our sons are following in his footsteps and are also in the business with him. I have a small job in the business. I restring pearls and beaded necklaces that people bring in. I love ballet, so two mornings a week I take a ballet class and the other three mornings you can find me babysitting at the Owings Mills JCC. I also make and sell crafts at craft shows in the fall and on etsy.com (mishsworld).

Stuart and Susan Dubick Tabb - Susan is the daughter of Sonia Matz and the late Sydney Dubick, and sister of Michelle Nusinov, Sheila Wolf and Howard Dubick. Susan wrote to introduce herself to her BAYL cousins:

I was born Harriet Susan Dubick, but because no one ever used my first name, and because I found records getting mixed up, I finally changed it to Susan Hannah Dubick. This English name is closer to my Hebrew name, and now when someone asks me my name I know what to say.

I have been married three times. I took the long route to find my true love in Stuart Tabb. We were married July 10, 2010. We live in Reisterstown.

I have one son, Taylor Honkofsky, who married the beautiful and wonderful Madison Schiner. Together they have made me Safta to two grandsons, Elijah and Noah. When I married Stu, I also added his two daughters and sons-in-law to my family: Amanda and Dave Reisz, and Jodi and Todd Heston. Amanda and Dave also made me Safta with their son, Brandon. The boys are all 7 months apart; the oldest was 2 in August. Grandchildren are so much fun, as anyone who has them knows.

Both Stu and I have been working for school systems. Stu in Baltimore County as a social worker, and me in Howard County as a class room teacher. We have enough years in to retire, but as long as we are enjoying our jobs, we plan to stay.

Stu and I enjoy going to Ravens games, the Hippodrome, spending time with the kids, and traveling when we get a chance. We have been able to do some traveling during the breaks built in to our jobs. We have taken a few vacations visiting wineries in Virginia. We have been lucky enough to have seen Israel during Chanukah, and spent 2 weeks in Europe last summer.

In addition to teaching, I am also an artist. Decoupage is my latest medium, and making one of a kind earrings, necklaces and pins with Ravens designs has brought me a small following. I sell them exclusively at Discoveries in Ellicott City.

Our Cairn terrier, Ally McDog just turned 13 in February. Her fur is grey in some places, but also just like us she acts like a young pup!

-Susan
Katie Cohen wrote that she works as the Coordinator of OT/PT/Audiology/Vision/Hearing/Adapted Phys Ed Departments for Baltimore City Public Schools. Jasmine is in 2nd grade at Beth Tfiloh Community Day School and Juliette attends a 3 yr old program at the Park Heights JCC. Both girls really enjoy their gymnastics classes.

Eli Auerbach, Bill Bashevkin, Leah Shapiro, Sarah Shapiro, Mildred Shapiro, Phil Shapiro, Rebecca Shapiro, Dahlia Auerbach, Rachel Shapiro and David Shapiro had a great time at the BAYL summer party at the Dopkin’s.

The Samet Family of Greensboro NC Back row: Bryan and Mindy Andrews, with Bryan’s daughter, Lilyah in front, Ellen and Lenny Samet, Tracey and Sammy Grant, kids are Elizabeth, Heather and Jacob Grant. In front are Julie and Yasha Sack with their twins, Jordan and Talia.

Marty and Regina Cohen with their children and grandchildren (L-R) Back row: Marcy & Adam Cohen, Marty, Emily Cohen, Katie Cohen holding Juliette Spivak
2nd row: Aden Cohen, Regina, Sarit Cohen, Jasmine Spivak
Front row: Shachar Cohen (Caleb Cohen behind Sha) with Levi Cohen.

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Leibowitz Lichter Kaplan Weinstein Golob Family Torah Writing at Chizuk Amuno
Correspondence

During his deployment with the United States Army in Afghanistan, our cousin Jacob Barr told us of the establishment of a hospital and recovery area for those wounded during the conflict. He advised us of the need for certain items not readily available to the wounded warriors and asked if we would be able to help. Our family members rose quickly to help and sent over $1,000 in contributions and goods. Among the items shipped to Kandahar Air Base were bed sheets and pillow cases, blankets, tennis shoes, books, magazines, comic books, crew neck T-shirts, thumb drives, peanut butter, beef jerky, an electric coffee maker, coffee, creamer, coffee filters, candy, cups of soup, razors, and other items. Primarily, we sent “comfort items” since “necessities” are available. The following note of thanks was received from SGT John Mazurek:

January 18, 2011

To all of SPC Barr’s extended family,

I just wanted to extend my deepest thanks for all your support and care packages that you have sent to the 1-4 Wounded Warrior Unit. This last summer was very busy and unfortunately we had many wounded soldiers come in. It would be almost impossible to take care of these soldiers and provide them with everything they need without support from back home. Many soldiers come in to the hospital here straight from the battlefield, so it is my responsibility to make sure they are well taken care of. That's where you all came in and made it happen. Some of my soldiers end up flying back to the US, but others will stay in the WWU until they are healed (days or weeks) and ready to go back to work. This winter has been fairly slow thankfully, unfortunately I'm sure this next summer will be busy again. I just want to make sure that you all know that our troops are always so thankful for everything that you helped provide. All the hygiene, clothing, and bedding has been put to good use. The plan is to leave the WWU here in place for the next Brigade that replaces us, that way their wounded soldiers will already have a place set up for them. If anyone in your family isn’t on this mailing list, please extend our thanks to them as well. Take care and God bless,

Very Respectfully,

SGT Mazurek, John

Many thanks to the BAYL families from across the country who helped with this project, both by donating goods and the funds to mail them. And special thanks to our cousin JACOB BARR for giving us the opportunity to participate in this mitzvah.

September 6, 2011

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Board and staff of Jewish Community Services– and, most importantly, the clients whom we serve—thank you for commemorating your Family Circle event by renting Centerpieces for Tzedakah with your generous donation of $425 on August 29, 2011.

Proceeds from the rental of these centerpieces help support the Jewish Community Food Fund of Jewish Community Services. Friends and neighbors in our community rely on Jewish Community Services for food certificates for use at local grocery stores. Given the recent dramatic increase in energy costs, families are faced with difficult choices, making the need for assistance even greater. These certificates give families the dignity of choosing the foods that they need and purchasing perishable products such as milk and eggs. All of the recipients receive additional services from our social work staff, who help them develop plans for restoring self-sufficiency. This combination of services addresses the basic daily needs of our clients, while treating them with dignity and respect.

Thanks you for thinking of those who are less fortunate during your time of celebration.

With deepest appreciation,

Barbara Levy Gradet
Executive Director
Dear BAYL:

Hi Family. Thank you for your contribution to Trees for Israel in Philip’s memory. Though he hadn’t attended the banquets, Philip always enjoyed The Bulletin and the family history, and kept his family file behind him on his desk return. I will miss him and miss sharing going over The Bulletin with him.

Amy Macht

June 14, 2012

Dear BAYL Family Society:

Thank you for your generous commitment of $500 to the 2012 ASSOCIATED Annual Campaign. Your philanthropy is a demonstration of the age old values of tikun olam and tzedakah--enabling our community to care for the needy and strengthen Jewish life and learning in Baltimore, in Israel and around the world.

The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore

Dear Family:

Thank you for planting a tree in Israel in memory of our father, Israel Smith. It was a lovely gesture and surely would have pleased him.

Ileane and Manny Smith
Sharon and Jerome Smith

Dear Family:

We wish to acknowledge with sincere thanks the kind expression of your sympathy. Thank you so very much for your kind donation in memory of Dad. Being in other’s thoughts provides us great comfort during this difficult time. We are proud and honored to be a part of such a wonderful family society.

Love,
Sandi and Rick Popowitz

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**BAYL extends condolences to our members:**

Leslye and Arthur Romm on the passing of their brother-in-law, Stanley Rodman, on February 8, 2011
Sandy and Larry Masters, on the passing of Larry’s father, Emory Masters, on April 7, 2011
Annette and Beryl Yatovitz, on the passing of their son, Seth Yatovitz, on April 23, 2011
Debbie and Marvin Hurwitz, on the passing of Debbie’s father, Heinz Spangenthal, on May 13, 2011
Lynn and Steve Holzman, on the passing of Steve’s mother, Shirley Holzman, on May 6, 2012
The Yatovitz, Spindler and Larsen families, on the passing of Jeffrey Brian Yatovitz, on May 27, 2012
The Riggs and Leventhal families, on the passing of Toby Leventhal Riggs, on September 4, 2012
Sandy and Joe Krome, on the passing of Joe’s brother, Gary D. Caplan, on September 6, 2012
Adina and Eric Berzofsky and Emily Guthman and Craig Berzofsky on the passing of the grandmother of Eric and Craig, Esther Friedel, on September 19, 2012
Pamm and Richard Peterson, on the passing of Richard’s father, Morris Jack Peterson, on October 11, 2012
Susan and Marshall Smith, on the passing of Susan’s father, David A. Greenberg, on January 6, 2013
The Anna & Myer Smith Memorial Fund

Contributions have been received from the following cousins:

**General Contributions:**

Frances and Bertram Abramson  
Rita and Solomon Barr  
Mildred Shapiro and Bill Bashevkin  
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Minda and Jim Hampel  
Lynn and Steve Holzman  
Robin Levin  
Paul Lichter  
Sam Lichter  
Diane and Charles Lott  
Fran Ludman, Sheldon and Erica Laskin  
Helen and Gilbert Pelovitz  
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**In Memory of:**

**Charles Messner** by:  
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**Barbara Moss Leibowitz Lichter** by:  
Robin Levin  
Jonah Labovitz  
Amy Macht  
Roslyn and Henry Naviasky  
Mania Smith  
Myrna and Richard Rubin  
Lauren Ganslaw  
Joyce and Tom Stern  
Harriet Schlein

The Family Society is grateful for the following special contributions in memory of:

**Israel Smith** by his children and grandchildren  
**Morris and Alice Abramson** by Bert and Frances Abramson  
**Len and Ruth “Tootsie” Hurwitz** by Debbie and Marvin Hurwitz  
**Barbara Moss Leibowitz Lichter** by Sandy and Rick Popowitz  
**Philip Macht** by Amy Macht and George Grose

The Anna and Myer Smith Memorial Fund was established to provide a means for the Family Society to raise funds and make contributions to "outside charities" (wording in the BAYL Constitution). Contributions to this fund are used to make annual donations to The Associated Jewish Charities, The American Red Magen David and to Ahavas Israel. The contribution to The Associated is earmarked so that half goes to Israel and half is spent locally (to Jewish institutions in the Baltimore area). The contribution to the American Red Magen David is in support of the Israel Red Cross efforts and the contribution to Ahavas Israel is used by the local organization to feed poor and needy Jews.

Contributions to the Anna and Myer Smith Memorial Fund may be made by contacting our chairperson:

Lauren Hurwitz Ganslaw  
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Email: ganslaws@yahoo.com
Memorials

BAYL is saddened by the loss of the following members, for whom trees have been planted in Israel:

MORTON EDELSTEIN
January 24, 2009
Baltimore, Maryland

Morty Edelstein was the son of the late Mary (Mitzi) Smith and Albert Edelstein, grandson of Simon and Tsivia Smith, great-grandson of Ella Devorah and Shlomo Savilevics-Smith, and great-great-grandson of Rella Krok and Yehuda Laib Romm, namesake of our family society. He was the father of Robert (Liz) Edelstein, Jill Hack (Joel) and the late Mandy Edelstein. He is also survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Irving Swartz.

EVELYN MICHAEL ROTTMAN
November 16, 2010
Baltimore, Maryland

Evelyn Rottman passed away on November 16, 2010 in Baltimore. She was the beloved wife of Melvin Rottman, and devoted mother of Susan Bogin of Richmond, VA and Jeffrey Rottman and his wife, Elizabeth Yang, of Nashville TN. Evelyn was the grandmother of Jaron, Laurel and Shachar Rottman, Andrew and Dorothy Bogin, and Esther Bogin, and great-grandmother of Joshua and Abigail Bogin.

BESSIE ROSEN LUDMAN MELENECK
November 21, 2010
Baltimore, Maryland

Bessie Rosen Ludman Meleneck passed away on November 21, 2010. She was 90 years old. Bessie was the daughter of the late Hannah (Meyer) and Philip Rosen. She was the beloved mother of Diana Grosman (Marc) and Fran Ludman (Sheldon Laskin), and sister of the late Mervin Rosen. Her grandchildren are Lisa Cohen (Seth), Erin Friedman (Bryan), and Erica Laskin. She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Evelyn Rosen. The following is the eulogy given by Diana Grosman.

Mothers and daughters…There’s a tension there, just ask Lisa and Erin. It’s tricky and yet it’s wonderful.

My mother was not a perfect woman, but then who is? But there was an underlying integrity, a strength of character that shone through.

She made sure that we knew right from wrong and that we knew how she felt about all kinds of issues.

What was important to her? Her close family, of course, her extended family as represented by the two family circles that she was in, her friends, her shul, and her pride in her work.

She was great with numbers and worked for many years in bookkeeping jobs and later in customer Service at Sears. She kept extremely careful record books of her investments and knew the details on every stock, bond and account. She served as treasurer in many organizations. It was she who taught us how to balance and keep a checkbook. And she was a whiz at cards. It was Mom who taught us how to play poker and attempted to try to teach us how to play canasta. She and her canasta buddies, Florence Berlin, Sylvia Pristoop and Rebecca
Markus, played together for over 50 years. Never any substitutes for them—when someone was ill or on vacation, the game just waited until they returned. In the early years when they played at night because some of them worked in the daytime, sometimes Fran and I would be upstairs in our bedroom and hear them whoop and holler over the loss or gain or five or ten cents. Later, the game moved to the daytime and then finally folded when one of the players could no longer play.

My mother was also a very social person. She was active in Child Study for many years and then, later, in the Myerberg Senior center and her shul, Beth Am. She was the dessert lady there. That means that on the Shabbats when they had a Family Service, my mother was the one who arranged and set out the desserts down in the social hall for the Kiddush luncheon. She drove herself downtown most Saturdays and would never miss a Family Service. Once or twice when other things came up, she declared that no way was she missing that service. “They need me there!” she would emphatically state. And, indeed they did.

She also was very involved at the Senior Center. She participated in a few activities like exercise classes, but really loved her volunteer jobs there. She would help to serve lunch, help out at their health fairs, help in any way that she could. Later, Joan Thomas, my mother’s wonderful health care person, would take her to lunch there almost every day.

But I think that my mother really found her greatest work satisfaction through her volunteer work at Levindale. As a volunteer there for over 25 years, she visited with patients, read to them, help to feed them and delivered hundreds of magazines. Marc would laugh that anytime we visited her or she visited us, the car trunks would open and magazines by the score would be moved from trunk to trunk. She had her special badge and even a coded keycard to enter at a certain door. During the time she had spent at Levindale as a resident, many of the longtime workers would recognize her from her magazine delivery days. She made people feel valued there and they made her feel good. She was continuing the legacy of her mother Hannah and Hannah’s four sisters who also worked there, for some years all five of the sisters simultaneously.

My mother was not a fashion plate, she didn’t wear the latest styles or get manicures or spend much time in the beauty parlor (although she was very happy when I married the son of a beautician). She reveled in finding a good bargain—working in Sears gave her lots of opportunities for that. She was very frugal but extremely generous with her family. I remember when we took Lisa and Erin on a cruise once; there was a casino on the boat and they were old enough to gamble at sea. We told them they could, but if they did, they would be using their own money. Not to worry, they said, Bubby had given them plenty of money!

And, of course, she found such joy in her children: Fran and me, our husbands Sheldon and Marc, and her grandchildren, Erica, Lisa and Erin. But I think she saved her very best for Seth and Bryan. How happy she was that Lisa and Erin had found such wonderful guys.

Mom, you taught us so much: the importance of family and the importance of wonderful friends, the importance of taking a vacation even when times were hard, the importance of Judaism and its celebrations, and so much more.

Mom, we will always love you and will miss you.
Len Hurwitz, who passed away at the age of 90, was predeceased by his wife, the late Ruth (Tootsie) Yatt Hurwitz. He is survived by his three devoted sons, Marvin (Debra), Dan (Jenifer) and David (Jan), and grandchildren, Jason, Jeremy, Ronia, Addie and Elijah Hurwitz. Marvin submitted the following for The Bulletin:

It has been a tumultuous 18 months for Debbie and me. Our son Jason announced his engagement to Victoria on December 25, 2010. Two days later, my father Len died peacefully in his sleep and five months later my father-in-law Heinz Spangenthal died peacefully in his sleep.

Debbie and I were fortunate to have been with our fathers and fathers-in-law during their last days. They knew that they had their loved ones with them as they departed.

I had the honor and privilege to officiate at both of their funerals.

My parents always stressed the importance of family – of making the efforts to be together for the simchas because many times we ignore the simchas but always find the time to attend the funerals.

Debbie and I, along with my brothers Danny and David, were most appreciative of the support we received from you, our extended family during our fathers’ illnesses and deaths.

As I am writing this article for the Bulletin, Debbie and I are preparing for her Father’s unveiling which will be in three days - on Mother’s Day – exactly one year after his death.

At my father’s funeral I began his eulogy with these chorus words from a Peter, Paul and Mary song:

Don’t let the light go out!
It’s lasted for so many years!
Don’t let the light go out!
Let it shine through our love and our tears.

And ended my eulogy with:

Dad’s light did not go out!
It will last for so many years!
Dad’s light did not go out!
It is shining through our love and our tears!

These words hold true for both of our fathers as well as for many of you who have lost loved ones.

We should all be grateful that we have this wonderful Family Society that supports one another in the happy times and the sad times.
Israel Smith, of Tyler, who passed away at the age of 100, was born in Baltimore, MD, March 24, 1911. In 1915 he moved with his family to Tyler where he made his lifelong home.

Israel was the son of the late Hyman and Betty Smith, and brother of the late Sol Smith, also of Tyler, Texas. He was a graduate of John Tyler High School and received his BA and LLB degrees from The University of Texas. In 1937 he married the late Eve Abramsky of Kingston, Ontario, Canada; they were married for 69 years. He is survived by his children, Manny and Ileane Smith of Pittsburgh, PA., and Jerome and Sharon Smith of Lexington, MA.; his granddaughter, Judy and Adam Kaufman; and great-grandchildren, Jamie and Jake Kaufman of Sharon, Mass. One grandson, David Smith, predeceased him.

Israel was a prominent lawyer in the Tyler legal community for many years. He also was a founder of Western Foundry and served as its president until its acquisition by Woodward Corp. in 1959. He served as regional vice president of the Texas Manufacturers Association and chairman of the Texas Chapter of the American Foundrymen's Society. He was a Shriner and past master of St. John's Masonic Lodge.

Israel was a lifelong, active member of the Tyler Jewish community, as a member and past president of Congregation Ahavath Achim, a past president of the Tyler B'nai Brith and Jewish Federation of Tyler. He was also a strong and passionate supporter of the state of Israel.

He was an avid reader, loved opera, travel and gardening. He continued his education and love of learning throughout his life and was a frequent user of the Tyler Public Library and the UT Tyler cultural series.

On March 24, 2011, Mr. Smith celebrated his 100th birthday with a special service and brunch at Congregation Ahavath Achim attended by many members of his family, friends and admirers. In recognition of his 100th birthday, the Texas Senate passed Resolution No. 462 on March 9, 2011; he also received many awards and letters of commendation from national, state and local officials.

Published in Tyler Morning Telegraph on September,

Note: The family of Israel Smith has made a very generous contribution to BAYL, a portion of which will go to the Cemetery Fund, and a plaque in his memory will be placed at the cemetery in Lithuania.

CLAIRE LICHTER

September 16, 2011
Baltimore, Maryland

Claire Baylus Lichter passed away in Baltimore on September 16, 2011. She is survived by her devoted husband, Paul Lichter, and sons, Jason (Jennifer) and Brian (Sara) and her adored grandchildren, Brandon and Camryn Lichter.

Claire, along with her husband, had recently joined the BAYL Family Society.
PHILIP ROMM MACHT  
November 14, 2011  
Baltimore, Maryland

Philip Romm Macht, husband of Lois Macht, and father of Carol Macht (Dr. Sheldon Lerman), Amy Macht (George Grose), Robert Macht (Pam), and Jane Macht (Thomas Mason), passed away in Baltimore on November 14, 2011. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Drs. Daniel and Dana Lerman, Sarah Lerman, Eloise, Madeleine, Sofia, and Tony Macht, and Emily, Isabel and David Mason.

Philip was the son of the late Sophia and Morton Macht, and grandson of Max Romm and Rebecca Abramson Romm. Each of his great-grandfathers, Yehuda Laib Romm and Abraham Abramson, were original founders of the family society.

RHONA LEE YATOVITZ  
January 20, 2012  
Baltimore, Maryland

On January 20, 2012, Rhona Lee Yatovitz passed away after a long and wonderful life filled with family and friends. She was predeceased by her husband, Herbert Yatovitz and survived by her children, Lynn (Steve) Holzman, Sandy (Larry) Masters, and Barry (Lisa) Yatovitz and grandchildren, Lauren (Patrick) Abbondandolo, Lisa Holzman, Erin (Aaron) Beyers, Courtney Masters, Rebecca Yatovitz and Matthew Yatovitz. Rhona was the sister–in-law of Beryl (Annette) Yatovitz and Vicki (late Karl) Yatovitz.

HARRY SAMET  
March 24, 2012  
Greensboro, North Carolina

Harry Samet was born in Baltimore on February 21, 1932 and lived in Highpoint, NC until 1990 when he and Joan moved to Greensboro. Harry was educated in the High Point City schools and graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1953. Joan and Harry were married that year and spent two years in the US Navy while Harry was the executive officer of the USS Swan. In 1955, Joan and Harry returned to High Point where Harry established High Point Furniture Industries, Inc.

Harry was dedicated to many things, but his greatest passion was for his wife, their children and grandchildren. He loved performing and played major roles in many productions such as Fiddler on the Roof and Come Blow Your Horn. For many years, Harry was president of the B’nai Israel Synagogue. He was a board member of many philanthropic groups, including City of Hope and Industries for the Blind, and in 1997 Harry was honored by the Anti-Defamation League for his charitable service.

Harry Samet is survived by his wife, Joan, and children, Carl (Leslie) Samet, Jerry (Marian Stein) Samet, Marc (Deborah Kintzing) Samet and Susan (Daniel) Rosen, as well as six grandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings, Mollie and Dave Lafferman, Norman and Sylvia Samet and Lenny and Ellen Samet. Harry was the son of the late Jacke and Lottie Samet and a descendant of Ella and Yankel Samet. Ella was the second daughter of Laibe and Rachel Kroc.
Jack Solomon, son of the late Tillie and Abe Solomon, grandson of the late Ruchel Minna (Savilevics-Smith) and Reuben Levine, great-grandson of Etta Devorah Romm and Shlomo Savilevics-Smith, great-great-grandson of Rella Krok and Yehuda Laib Romm, was born in Baltimore on February 5, 1924. He is survived by his wife, Helene, son, Ken (Laura) Solomon, and daughter, Sandy (Rick) Popowitz, in addition to 4 grandchildren, Katelyn and Hannah Solomon and Brian and Stacey Popowitz. He is also survived by his brothers, Marvin (Harriette) Solomon, Leonard (Sylvia) Solomon, and his sister-in-law, Phyllis Solomon, all of Baltimore. He was predeceased by his brother Garrison (Garry) Solomon. Jack was a Past President of the BAYL Family Society, from 1975-1977.

The following is the eulogy delivered by son-in-law, Rick Popowitz:

Jack Solomon was my father-in-law for nearly 31 years and has been in my life just about 33 years. I first met him on Father’s Day Weekend 1979. How fitting it was that I met him on Father’s Day Weekend for he was much more to me than an in-law. He was Dad. In fact he was Dad for more time than my own biological parents.

In a few minutes, I’ll speak about his role as a Dad but also as a husband, a brother, a Zayde and as a friend. But first I want to talk about Jack as a man.

Let’s begin with some facts. He was born the 2nd son of Tillie and Abe Solomon in Baltimore on February 5, 1924, a Tuesday. Tradition has it that children born on a Tuesday are Full of Grace, Compassion and Understanding. This certainly defined Dad. Jack grew up in an Observant Jewish home with 3 brothers to warm and loving parents. His older brother Marvin is here today as are his Sisters-In-Laws Harriet, Phyllis and Sylvia. The Solomon Family and their extended family of cousins was very close when Jack was growing up and this carried through all of his life. Family was #1 to Jack.

Over the years the Jack Solomon family grew. Jack married Helene in May 1983, just about 29 years ago. Jack loved Helene with all his energy and all his heart. She was his “Princess.” In fact, on the occasion of their 10th Anniversary the two hosted a beautiful party inspired by the Princess theme for family and friends. Their love for each other was boundless.

Jack also fathered two children; my brother-in-law Ken and my wife Sandi. He was a good father and provided the love, nurturing and support that all children need to grow up well-adjusted, loving and responsible adults.

When Jack married Helene he also become “Dad’ to Susan, Jay and Stefani. Being the Patriarch of this now larger, extended Solomon Clan which also includes Ken’s wife Laura, Jay’s wife Lorain and Stefani’s husband Frank made Jack beam. He loved this role and he was a natural at it.

But the role of Zayde to our children Brian and Stacey and to Katelyn and Hannah was where he really shined. You could just see a twinkle in his eyes as he thought of or spoke about his grandchildren. He got on the floor with them and played. He took interest in their lives and the things that were important to them. This was true when they were young kids and now as adults. Sholom Alechem could have written a short story about how Jack relished in the role of Zayde.

Professionally Jack was an insurance man through and through. Life Insurance, disability, financial planning. Jack was a consummate salesman. He broke numerous sales records, held leadership positions in professional groups and mentored many people throughout their early insurance careers.

One of the closest personal and professional relationships that emerged was with Jay Weinstein. The relationship of Jack and Jay has lasted for something like 50 years. Jay I hope you don’t mind that I used that number, we all know that Jack met you when you were just 5.

All kidding aside Jay your love, support and unwavering friendship meant a lot to Jack as it does to Sandi and me as well.
These are some of the facts about Jack Solomon. Jack also loved golf and in later years bowling. Jack was an avid sports fan and often listened and/or watched multiple games at the same time. He also loved playing cards, dining out and traveling. Jack and Helene have probably traveled to more countries than there are days in a month.

So these are some of the facts about Jack Solomon’s life. But our lives are much more than a random collection of facts. Jack’s life was about impact. The impact he had upon others.

I’ve discussed some of the roles Jack Solomon as the Leading Actor has played in each of our lives. Now I want to beg your indulgence for a few minutes more and tell you what he meant to me.

He was inspiration defined. He inspired me to be a good husband, to be a good father, to be a good Jew and to be a good friend. He showed me through example and not just words what each of these roles requires. And he set an unbelievably high bar for me and for each of us to follow.

There are so many stories and lessons that I learned from Dad. And, as my wife would testify, I’d love to tell you about each of them but somehow I think you’d get mad at me if we were still standing here 3 or 4 hours from now.

As I close, I’d like to share a few lessons I learned from Jack, my Dad.

1. Tell people who are important to you that you love them. Tell them regularly.
2. Support and protect those you love. Jack was doing this up until the last days of his life. His final words to Sandi last Monday were “don’t worry!”
3. Hard work is good. Anything you do you should do it to the best of your abilities. Do something that you enjoy and are good at. No sense doing something that you dislike.
4. We never achieve success on our own. Others are always around to support our efforts. Thank them.
5. When we have success, including financial success, share it. Be philanthropic.
6. Don’t borrow trouble. No use worrying about something that you won’t be able to control.
7. Live. We only have one life. Make the most of it.
8. Live life as a Jew. Be proud of it, get involved in your shul and actively participate in Jewish Groups. Judaism should not be a spectator sport. Dad lived life as a Jew and died on Shabbat, his final day of resting.

I’d like to thank on behalf of the Solomon and Popowitz families each of you for coming today. It means a lot to us.

Dad, I love you and I already miss you. Thank you for everything you have done for me, for Sandi, for Brian and Stacey. You are my True North.

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BARBARA MOSS LEIBOWITZ LICHTER
August 23, 2012
Baltimore, Maryland

Barbara Moss Leibowitz Lichter was the daughter of the late Edith (Levine) and Albert Moss, granddaughter of Rucha Minna (Savilevics-Smith) and Reuben Levine, and great-granddaughter of Etta Devorah (Romm) and Shlomo Savilevics-Smith. Etta Devorah was the daughter of Rella (Krok) and Yehuda Laib Romm, namesake of our Family Society.

She is survived by her husband of 8 years, Sam Lichter, 4 children; Miriam Golob (Irwin), Stephanie Weinstein (Keith), Wendi Kaplan (Derek), and Nancie Leibowitz. Her beloved grandchildren are Seth Golob, Adina Golub, Brett Kaplan, Mallorie Kaplan, Bari Weinstein and Ian Weinstein. Barbara was pre-deceased by her first husband, Barry Leibowitz.

The following is the eulogy given by Wendi Kaplan for her Mom:

I know many of you remember me standing before you 17 years ago paying tribute to our dad when he passed. The night before his funeral, I had read the words I would speak to my mom and sisters. I wanted to make sure that they were all okay with what I was going to share. After I finished reading, my mom looked at me and jokingly said, G-d Wendi, it sounds like I didn’t do anything in raising you girls. I quickly replied to her; Don’t worry Mom, when it’s your turn I will do good by you. Little did I know that this day would come way too soon.

It was really not until the moment that our Mom passed away Thursday that we realized the impact she had made. Yes we always knew that she was the one who helped us become the strong women we are today. Her strength is why I am able to stand up here in front of you today. Her fight is why Nancie has given up her life for the past 8 weeks to be there morning noon and night for anything that our mom may have needed. Her love and compassion is what led Stephie to become a teacher and allowed her to be off for the summer and spend quality time with our mom and her control and need for organization is why Miriam has been the rock who has gotten us through this horrible time, systematically leading us from appointment to appointment and getting all matters in order.

Not only did our mom instill in us the traits I just mentioned but she was the one who reinforced and instilled in us our Jewish values and traditions. She was the one who taught us the importance of volunteering and giving back to our community. She was the one who taught us how to be mothers. She was the one who taught us how to build our relationships with our husbands. She was the one who taught us that there is NOTHING more important than family. So in case any of you for the past 17 years were thinking that our Dad was the one did everything…that was not the case.

The past couple of days since our mom’s passing have been the hardest days of all of our lives. Sure it was hard to watch our mom not feel well, go through treatment, spend time in the hospital, not be able to write our kids at camp or spend time with the kids over the summer like she normally would but at least she was here with us. She has always been here not only for all of us but for all of you and we are now becoming aware of not only the impact she made on us but on the entire Jewish community at large.

We would be remiss if we did not share with you how lucky we felt that our Mom was able to share the past 8 plus years as Sam’s wife. Sam and our Mom were an amazing match. Sam you gave our Mom so much. How will we ever thank you for allowing our Mom to not be alone for the last days of her life. We know this has been extremely hard for you. We know how much you loved her and we know it may not have always been so easy with four daughters. But you really did not see it that way. I remember the first week our mom
was in the hospital and they were still trying to figure out what was wrong. You and I walked down to the ca-
eteria in the hospital to get lunch and when we were walking back up to her room you told me how lucky you
and my mom are to have found one another and that all six of your children were here in Baltimore with the
two of you to help you through a terrible time. You and our mom complimented each other so well and shared
the same love for family that it was truly a blessing that you were together.

I just wanted to close by saying that all of you here meant so much to our mom. I think Chazzan Pearlman
said it best when he came to visit with us at the hospital on Thursday. We were all in the hallway waiting for
her to be moved up to the hospice unit. I looked around and in this large entourage not only were all of us but
also many clergy who have been part of our Mom’s life. It made me think that if our mom would have opened
her eyes at that moment she definitely would think she had already gone. When I shared my thoughts with
Chazzan Pearlman he said to me, No your mom would think she is lucky. She is like Royalty and this is the
way she should be treated.

That really put a lot in perspective on everything for my sisters and me. Sure we wouldn’t be human if we
didn’t question why this happened, why have the four us now lost both of our parents way too young and to
such terrible diseases. But Miriam Stephanie, Nancie and I have one another. We have our husbands and chil-
dren, we have Sam and Stephie, Larry and their families and we have all of you. And for that we are grateful
and we know it is a comfort to our mom because she would not leave us if she was not sure we were well tak-
en care of.

BILL NAXON
June 26, 2012
Dallas, Texas

Bill was the son of the late Eli and Jennie Nachamson, grandson of Mari-Leah (Romm) and Israel Nachamson, and great-grandson of Yehuda Laib Romm, one of the
namesakes of our Family Society. He was born August 17, 1923 and passed away on
June 26, 2012, at the age of almost 89. Bill was the youngest of nine children, and the
only boy. He grew up in Durham, NC, attended the Georgia Military Academy, graduat-
ed from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and served as Lieutenant J.G.
in the US Navy in the Pacific during World War II. Bill and Eyla married in 1949,
moved to Dallas in the early ‘50s and opened two Rayco Auto Seat Covers franchises.
He operated those stores until the early ‘80s. He also operated franchise locations of the
Brake-O chain, with locations throughout Texas and the Southwest. Bill was active in
numerous charities and he and Eyla were members of Temple Emanu-El in Dallas.

In addition to his wife of 63 years, Bill is survived by four children and their spous-
es, as well as seven grandchildren, namely, Jan Naxon, Elise Leibs (Louis), Adam Naxon (Ella) and Seth Nax-
on (Kim). The grandchildren are David, Will, Olivia, Gabrielle, Leah and Sophie Naxon, and Devin Leibs.